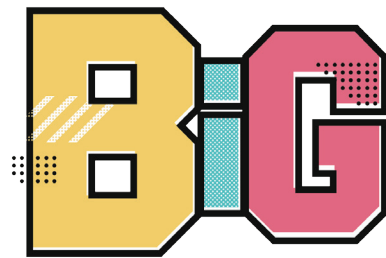


CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

LEADER'S GUIDE OLDER CHILDREN & PRETEENS KDG



BIG PICTURE:

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

BIG IDEA:

MYSTERY OF THE MANGER

BIG POINT:

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS IS GOD WITH US

BIG WORD:

FOR THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD. LUKE 2:11 (NKJV)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture 'A CHRISTMAS MYSTERY'. It contains an outline for you to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children. The BIG 'Celebrate' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Learn that God became man, Jesus Immanuel - God with us.
- Know that Jesus came so we can be saved from sin.
- Understand that King Jesus came as a baby!

OLDER CHILDREN & PRETEENS RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 9-12

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Have you ever unwrapped a gift that wasn't what you expected by the shape?

THE BIG QUESTION GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is so mysterious about Jesus birth?

Jesus wasn't like any other baby. The mystery of manger is that Jesus walked among His people, Jesus is God in the flesh, here with us! John 3:16 (NIV) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

2. What does Immanuel mean?

Read Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Immanuel means God with us, it was the name the Prophet Isaiah gave to Jesus hundreds and hundred of years before He was even born.

3. Why did Jesus come to earth?

Jesus spent around 30 years on earth in the flesh. Three of those years He spent training His disciples, teaching people how to live God's way, healing people and doing Miracles. Those are some pretty incredible things, but they weren't the only reason Jesus came. Jesus purpose for coming to earth was to be our Saviour. 1 John 4:14 (NIV) "The Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world."

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

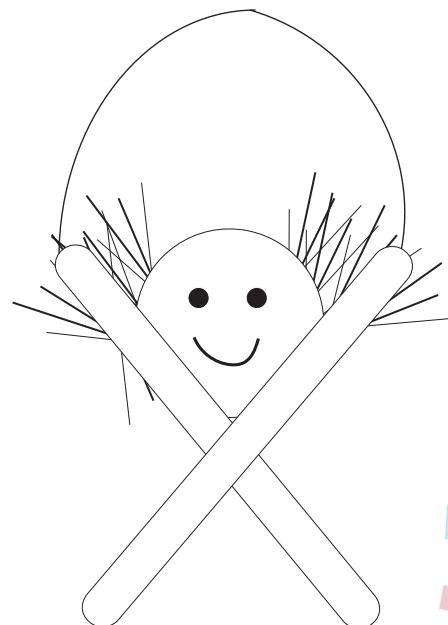
THE BIG ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Popsicle sticks (two per child), brown card paper, tan coloured card paper, raffia, glue, a marker.

DIRECTIONS:

Cross the two popsicle sticks over one another to make a manger shape, glue them together at the point where they cross. Next cut a triangle of brown card paper large enough to stick behind the popsicle sticks. Cut a small circle which will be baby Jesus head and draw a smile face ☺

EXPLANATION: Jesus the name above all names, wonderful counsellor, mighty God, prince of peace came to serve not to be served. A humble birth that had all of heaven rejoicing. Angels sang Luke 2:14 (NIV) "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."



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“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 (NKJV)”

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Paper plates, Big Word holly leaves printed from the print material files onto green paper, scissors and glue.

Give each child a paper plate and help them to cut out the centre, leaving the rim to use as the base for their Big Word wreath. Next children can cut out the holly leaf shapes and stick them onto the wreath with the words in the right order of the Big Word.

GAME CHRISTMAS DRESS UP CHALLENGE

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Newspaper, Christmas wrapping paper, recycled boxes and masking tape.

Set your group the challenge (if you have a larger group divide them into teams) to dress one person as a Christmas tree or a character from the Christmas story e.g. Mary, Joseph, Angel, Wise Man, Baby Jesus, Star. To add extra difficulty, set a time in which the challenge must be completed.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that You sent Your Son Jesus for us. The mystery of Jesus, a King born in a manger, the Saviour of the whole world is the best gift ever!

In Jesus name, Amen

LEADER NOTES

A space for you, the leader, to write notes, plans, reminders, things to follow up on or remember for next time.

BIG CELEBRATE

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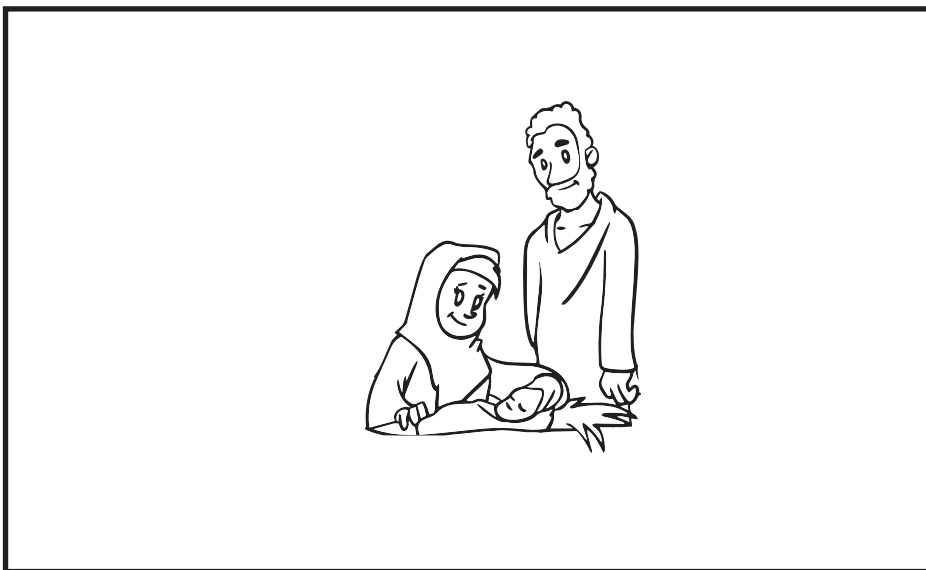
WHERE WAS JESUS BORN?



WHAT DOES IMMANUEL MEAN?



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



FINISH THE PICTURE

READ LUKE CHAPTER 2
TO SEE WHAT YOU
COULD DRAW

BIG POINT
TODAY I LEARNT...

PARENTS!

Use these questions to kick start discussion with your children!

1. What does the name Immanuel mean?
2. Where did Jesus sleep when He was born?
3. Why did Jesus come?

YOUR NAME



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BIBLE STUDY

GRAB YOUR BIBLE AND FIND A QUIET SPACE, LET'S DISCOVER WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY..

BIBLE PASSAGES TO CHOOSE FROM: Matthew 1:21, Luke 2:11-14, John 3:16-17, 1 John 4:14

TODAY I READ: _____

IT WAS ALL ABOUT: _____

I LEARNT THAT: _____

MY PRAYER: _____

PRAISE REPORT! Write something that you're thankful to God for this week:

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