



Kids Club

Elementary Leader Guide

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Week 3
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Leader Info

This week, we will look at our second week of the Christmas lessons. We will look at the trip to Bethlehem and Jesus' birth in a stable, because of the lack of room in the inn. Some of the key points we will study are:

- We need to make room in our lives for Jesus.
 - Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in the Old Testament with His birth.
 - Jesus came for a purpose.
 - God is in control.

Introduction:

SUPPLIES: *Jesus is Born Story Cards*, Nativity Set (you will use this weekly and set up a little bit each week).

Read Story Card 1

Explain that the time had come for Jesus' birth. Talk about how Mary and Joseph did not live in Bethlehem, which is where prophecy said Jesus would be born. Explain that the leader of the country announced a census, and because of the census, Mary and Joseph would be in Bethlehem, just as the prophecies said.

Read Story Card 2

Explain that a census is people being counted so the government knows how many people are living in their country. Tell kids we will conduct a census of the room. Ask kids about how many people live in their home. For older children, you may choose to get more specific such as the number of people with a particular eye or hair color, pets, etc.

Talk about different jobs in the world. A waiter serves food. A fireman puts out fires. A policeman protects people. Etc. You can ask the kids what career they would like, and what job you do. Explain that Jesus came to earth to do a specific job. He came to provide the way for people to be saved from their sins.

Read Story Cards 3 & 4

Think about ways that people might say they don't have enough room for Jesus. Talk about how, even in Christmas celebrations today, people don't want Jesus to be a part of them. Some people like Christmas trees and presents, but forget that Jesus is why we celebrate Christmas.

Talk about how the inn was too small for Mary and Joseph. Bring out Mary and Joseph from the Nativity and explain that there are no rooms left for them to sleep in. Talk about the innkeeper who agreed to let them stay in his stable. Point out that Jesus was very humble to be born in a stable.

Remind the kids that Jesus wants to live in our hearts. We need to make sure that Jesus has room in our lives. To make sure He has room in your Christmas, make a point to read a verse and share something with your child about Jesus in the days leading up to Christmas.

For the third week of the nativity-building project, add baby Jesus to the set. Point out that the long wait for His arrival is over.

Pray for each other: Take prayer requests and have kids spend time praying for each other in small groups. Close in prayer and thank God that He came into the world. Ask God to help you make your heart a home for Him. Thank God for keeping all His promises and that he uses circumstance to guide us to the right place at the right time.

Week 3: Activities

GAME:NO ROOM MUSICAL CHAIRS

SUPPLIES: Chairs or sit spots, Christmas songs

Play a game of musical chairs. Each time a child does not have a chair or spot at the end of a round, say "Oh no, there's no room in the inn!"

CRAFT: NATIVITY SCENE

SUPPLIES: [Stable activity page \(1/kid\)](#), coloring utensils, popsicle sticks, glue

Kids will begin making their Nativity Scene by coloring the stable scene. When they are finished, provide glue and popsicle sticks to make the outside of the stable.

Play this video while kids are working on their crafts.

God's Story: Jesus is Born - Crossroads Kids' club

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpSXxL4Nn4>

