



Kids Club

Leader Guide

Dec.

Week 1

December 7, 2025



Schedule:

- 1. Welcome & Connection (10 minutes)**
Kids check in, play together, and connect with leaders. Encourage older kids to include younger ones.
- 2. Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 minutes)**
Short lesson with Scripture and discussion.
- 3. Leadership & Practice (15 minutes)**
Empower older kids to lead and model spiritual habits while everyone practices engaging with Scripture and prayer together.
- 4. Group Activity or Project (10 minutes)**
Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on fun and meaningful discussion.
- 5. Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 minutes)**
Review the main point, pray together, and give an optional take-home challenge.

Series Overview

This week begins our Christmas series, “God’s Plan to Save the World.” Kids will learn that even when things feel uncertain, God always has a plan—and that plan was to send Jesus. The goal is to help kids see how Jesus’ birth is part of God’s big story of love and rescue. This lesson balances short teaching time, interactive elements, and structured play to foster relationships and leadership within the mixed-age group.

Lesson

Lesson 1: God Wants Us to Know He Has a Plan

Bible Verse: Isaiah 7:14

Bottom Line: God wants us to know He has a plan.

Memory Verse (Series): John 1:14 (NLT)

Supplies

- Bible
- Construction paper or cardstock (cut into rectangles or arrows like road signs)
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Stickers and washi tape
- Scissors (for older kids or leader use only)
- Glue sticks
- Optional: popsicle sticks, tape, and a small poster board or wall space labeled “Signs of God’s Plan”

Welcome & Connection (10 min)

Goal: Help kids settle in, build relationships, and prepare to engage.

- Free play stations open (coloring, games, Legos, etc.)
- Leader greets each child by name.
- Encourage older kids to help younger ones find an activity.
- Optional: Play light Christmas music in the background.

SAY: “Today we’re starting a brand-new Christmas series! Before we begin, I want to know—what’s your favorite thing about Christmas? You can tell me or draw a picture of it!”

Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 min)

Goal: Short, interactive devotional from Isaiah 7:14.

(Hold up your Bible.)

Say: I’m so excited—it’s finally December! For the next few weeks, we’ll talk about why we celebrate Christmas. There are lots of fun things we love—cookies, lights, presents—but Christmas is really about celebrating that Jesus came to earth as part of God’s plan to save us!

Ask: What are some of your favorite things about Christmas?

(Let a few kids share.)

Say: Those things are awesome—but the best part of Christmas is what God planned long before Jesus was born. Did you know someone talked about Jesus coming over 700 years before it happened? His name was Isaiah, and he was a prophet—someone who spoke messages from God.

(Open Bible)

Say: Isaiah said: “The Lord will give you a sign. The virgin will conceive a child and give birth to a son, and He will be called Immanuel—which means ‘God is with us.’” (Isaiah 7:14)

Ask: What do you think “God is with us” means?

(Let a few kids respond.)

Say: God wanted His people to know that He had a plan! Even when life felt hard or scary, they could have hope because God promised to send a Savior. And He kept His promise—He sent Jesus!

Ask: Why do you think it's important that we know God has a plan?
(Guide toward ideas like "so we can trust Him," "so we can have hope," etc.)

Say: Exactly! God always keeps His promises, and His plans are always good. Even when we don't see how things will work out, we can trust that He's working for our good.

(Show Bottom Line Poster)

Say: Let's say our Bottom Line together:
"God wants us to know He has a plan!"

Leadership & Practice (10 min)

Goal: Empower older kids to lead and model spiritual habits while everyone practices engaging with Scripture and prayer together.

Part 1: Bible Drill – "Ready, Set, Find!" (5 min)

Verse: Isaiah 7:14

Leader Prep: Have Bibles ready and mark one as a "teacher example" to help kids who need guidance.

SAY(energetically): "Alright Bible explorers, it's time for our Bible Drill! Let's see who can find today's verse the fastest!"

We're racing to find Isaiah 7:14 in our Bibles. Remember—Isaiah is in the Old Testament, about halfway through!"

Ask 2–3 older kids to help the younger ones who don't know where to start.

Give them "coaching jobs," like explaining how to use the table of contents or helping sound out the name Isaiah.

Encourage them to cheer on their younger partners: "You've got this! Keep flipping!"

Add fun and competition:

SAY: "Ready... Set... Bible Drill!" and let them begin.

Celebrate when someone finds it: **"Nice job, [name]! You found it! Keep helping your teammates!"**

Part 2: Prayer Practice – "Thank You, God, for Your Plan" (5 min)

SAY: "We just learned that God has a plan! Now, let's talk to Him about that."

"Prayer is just talking to God. You don't have to use fancy words—He loves hearing what's in your heart."

Invite 2–3 older kids to help lead a short “Thank You” prayer time.

Give them each a prompt card that says:

- “Thank You, God, for always having a plan.”
- “Thank You for sending Jesus.”
- “Help us trust You when we don’t understand.”

Encourage them to pray one line each, then let the group echo or say “Amen” after each.

Have kids form a circle.

Pass around a small Christmas ornament or nativity figure. Whoever is holding it says something they are thankful for or something they know God planned well.

Give a silly option for younger ones who aren’t ready to pray out loud:

SAY: “If you don’t want to pray with words, when it’s your turn, hold up your hands and say, ‘Thank You, God!’ as big as you can!”

End with a short leader prayer:

“God, thank You that You always have a plan. You had a plan to send Jesus, and You have a plan for each of us. Help us to trust You and celebrate Your plan this Christmas. Amen.”

Group Activity or Project (10 min)

Goal: Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on fun and meaningful discussion.

“Signs of God’s Plan” Craft & Game

SAY: “Isaiah said God would give a sign to show His plan! Let’s make our own signs today—just like Isaiah’s message reminded people that God keeps His promises, your sign will remind you that God always has a plan!”

Ask: “What are some signs you see when you’re in the car or walking outside?”

(Allow responses: stop sign, speed limit, school crossing, etc.)

“Those signs tell us where to go or what’s ahead. God gave a sign too—He told Isaiah that a special baby named Jesus would be born! That was a big ‘Sign of God’s Plan.’ So today, we’re going to make signs that remind us of God’s plan and promises!”

Step 1: Pair or group kids by mixed ages (an older child with 1–2 younger kids).

SAY: “Older kids, you’re going to be the ‘Sign Helpers!’ Help your younger friends write or draw and make their sign awesome.”

Step 2: Create the Signs

For Younger Kids:

Encourage simple signs that say:

- "God Has a Plan!"
- "God Keeps His Promises!"
- "God Is With Us!"

Help them decorate with bright colors, stickers, or draw pictures (a baby in a manger, a star, a heart, or a Bible).

Give fun challenges:

- "Can you make your letters BIG like a real road sign?"
- "Who can draw the happiest star?"
- "Use three stickers to show how happy you are that God keeps His promises!"

For Older Kids (ages 7–11):

Challenge them to think deeper:

- "Can you think of a time when you saw God's plan at work?"
- "Was there something that took a long time, but God worked it out for good?"
- "Can you write or draw that story on your sign?"

Encourage creativity:

- "Make your sign look like a billboard for God's goodness!"
- "Add an arrow showing that God's plan points us to Jesus!"

Invite them to help younger kids spell words, write verses, or trace shapes.

Step 3: Share & Display

SAY: "Let's see what signs we made to remind us of God's plan!"

Invite a few kids to share what they wrote or drew.

Prompt with fun questions:

- "What does your sign say about God?"
- "How can we remember this when life feels confusing?"
- "Who do you think might need to see your sign to be reminded that God has a plan?"

Optional Game Twist (if time allows): "Sign Signal" Game

Have everyone hold up their sign.

Leader calls out silly “road sign” commands:

- “Stop sign!” – everyone freezes
- “U-turn!” – everyone spins around
- “Green light!” – everyone cheers “God has a plan!”
- “Yield!” – everyone gives someone else a high five

SAY: “No matter what direction life goes, we can always follow God’s plan! Isaiah’s sign gave people hope that God was doing something good. Your signs remind us that God still has a plan for each of us today. You can trust Him, because His promises always come true!”

Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 min)

Goal: Build relationships through relaxed play while reinforcing the lesson’s truth in natural conversation.

Wrap-Up Circle (3–4 min)

Gather everyone in a circle before free play begins. Make it fun!

SAY: Alright friends, let’s make a big circle! Before we play, let’s take a minute to think about what we learned today.

Invite everyone to share one quick thing:

- What was your favorite part of today’s story?
- What’s something you learned about Jesus?
- Who can you share God’s love with this week?

Celebrate answers with something fun, like a group clap, cheer, or silly motion (e.g., “Give me your biggest Christmas cheer!”).

Close with a short prayer thanking God for sending Jesus and for the fun you had together.

Transition to Free Play & Freeze Dance (6–7 min)

Play Christmas music or another fun kids’ song.

Between rounds, encourage connection and conversation:

Find someone wearing the same color as you and give them a high-five!

Freeze like your favorite Christmas decoration!

Tell the person next to you one fun thing you’re looking forward to this Christmas.

Finish by celebrating together: “Great job, everyone! Thanks for making today so fun. You can keep playing until your grown-up comes to get you!”