



Kids Club

Leader Guide

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Week 4

December 28, 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 3: The Life of Young Jesus

Bible Verse: Luke 2:41–52

Bottom Line: Even kids can be passionate about God!

Lesson Overview: In this lesson, kids will learn about a time when Jesus was a preteen and clearly understood who He was and what mattered most to Him. They will see that Jesus was passionate about His heavenly Father and God’s house, while also being faithful and obedient to His earthly parents. Through this story, kids will discover that they do not have to wait until they are older to love God and live for Him. Even kids can be passionate about God.

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

Supplies

- Bible
- **Bottom Line Poster**
- Portable speaker
- Upbeat Christmas worship music or instrumental Christmas playlist
- Optional but highly recommended for engagement:
 - Jingle bells
 - Rhythm sticks or hand percussion
 - Scarves or worship ribbons
 - Lights/glowsticks

Welcome & Connection (10 min)

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

- Building area
- Drawing table
- Quiet reading corner
- Ball or movement zone

Connection Prompts for Leaders to Use While Mingling:

- What is something fun you did this weekend?
- What was your favorite part of church so far?
- If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 min)

Goal: Explore the passage with simple discussion and engagement.

(Hold up your Bible.)

SAY: "Hands on heads if you are ready to hear about one of the coolest kid stories in the whole Bible.

Today we are learning about something that surprises a lot of people. Jesus was once a kid just like you. He did not skip childhood and jump straight to being a grown up teacher. He learned, grew, obeyed, and asked questions."

ASK: "How old do you think Jesus was in today's story?"

SAY: "Jesus was twelve years old. That is preteen age. He went on a big trip with His family to Jerusalem. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was with other family members, but He was actually still at the temple talking with the teachers."

ASK: "How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they could not find Him?" Let kids answer.

SAY: "When they finally found Him, Jesus said something very important. He said He needed to be in His Father's house. Even as a kid, Jesus already knew who He was and what mattered most to Him.

But here is another important part. The Bible says that after this, Jesus went home and obeyed His parents. He loved God with His whole heart, and He honored His earthly family too.

This shows us something big. You do not have to be an adult to love God deeply. You do not have to wait to be passionate about Him. That is true right now.

Our bottom line today is this:

Show Bottom Line Poster

Even kids can be passionate about God!

ASK: "What do you think it looks like for a kid to be passionate about God?"

SAY: "The big truth we learned today is this: Even kids can be passionate about God.

Everyone say that with me on three. One, two, three.

Even kids can be passionate about God.

Now we are about to move into a celebration time where we practice what it looks like to be excited about God together. Older kids, you get to lead the way. Younger kids, you get to follow like rock stars.

Christmas Celebration Practice 10-15 min

Goal: Celebrate who Jesus is while letting older kids lead with joy and confidence.

Part 1: Christmas Praise Party

SET UP: Clear an open space in the room. Ask older kids to each take a small leadership role like music starter, motion leader, or cheer leader. Add fun celebration elements like scarves, instruments, lights, glow sticks, etc.

SAY:" Today we learned that even as a kid, Jesus was passionate about God. Since this is our last Kids Club lesson of the series, we are going to celebrate Jesus together with a Christmas praise party."

Round 1: Leader Motions

Choose one older kid to lead simple motions while everyone follows. Examples:

- Jump on "Jesus"
- Spin on "God"
- Clap on "joy"
- Point up on "Father"
- Switch leaders every 30 seconds.

Round Two: Freeze and Praise

Play Christmas music. Kids dance freely. When the music stops, the leader calls out a quick praise prompt. Examples:

- Thank Jesus for coming
- Thank God for loving us
- Say one word that describes Jesus
- Kids shout their answers together, then resume dancing.

Round Three: Christmas Cheer Relay

Line kids up in two lines. One at a time, kids run to the front, shout a Christmas cheer like:

- Jesus is here
- God is with us
- We love Jesus
- Then run back and tag the next person.

SAY: This is what it looks like to be passionate about God. We celebrate Him with our whole hearts, just like Jesus did.

Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 min)

Goal: Review the main point, pray together, and end with joyful connection time.

Wrap-Up Circle (3–4 min)

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

SAY: "Let's take a quiet moment to remember what we learned today."

ASK:

- Who do you remember from today's Bible story
- How old was Jesus in today's story
- What did Jesus care a lot about

SAY: Even when Jesus was a kid, He loved God and God's house. That shows us something important.

PRAY: Invite one or two older kids to thank God for helping kids love Him right now. Then close with:

God, help us love You at church, at home, and everywhere we go. Amen.

Transition to Shepherd Says (4 to 5 minutes)

Categories:

One older kid is the Shepherd. The leader or Shepherd gives simple instructions.

If the instruction starts with "Shepherd says," kids follow it.

If it does not, kids stay still.

Examples:

- Shepherd says show me how you pray
- Shepherd says freeze like a statue
- Shepherd says take three quiet steps
- Jump in place
- Spin around

Switch leaders every few rounds so multiple older kids get to lead.

Transition to Free Play (remaining time)

SAY: "When I say go, you may quietly choose a free play area. Older kids, remember your job is to invite someone younger to play with you. GO!"

Leader Connection During Free Play:

Ask kids where they see themselves being passionate about God this week at home or school.

