

Small Group Leader Guide

Virtual Small Group

December Week 3

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Today's Bible Story: How He Loves (Jesus Is Born) • *Luke 2:1-7*

Today's Bottom Line: God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.* Luke 2:11 (NirV)

Monthly Life App: Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

What You Need:

- Two cups, water, a piece of cotton twine or string, red food coloring, tray, paper towels

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about their upcoming Christmas plans:
 - What are you excited about this week?
 - Tell us about your Christmas traditions. Does your family exchange gifts?
 - Do you personally buy or make anything special for your family or friends?
- If you choose, consider using one of the ice breakers or games on the "Virtual Small Group General Info" page.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.
- After the Bible story video, transition into the activity below.

Activity:

What You Do:

NOTE: For visuals, check out this experiment at <https://bit.ly/3lilS8l> and practice it a few times before you do it in front of the kids.

Make sure each of these steps can be seen by the kids at all times, so they stay engaged.

- Fill one cup half full of water.
- Place the twine or string in the cup of water until it is soaked through. (You may want to do this step during the Bible story video or before the Small Group meeting starts.)
- Remove the wet twine from the water.
- Add a drop of red food coloring to the cup with water.
- On the inside bottom of the empty cup, tape one end of the wet twine.
- Place the empty cup with the twine taped to it on the tray.
- Put the non-taped end of the twine in the colored water.
- Lift the cup with colored water above the empty cup but not directly over it.
- Hold it far enough away from the other cup so that the twine stays taut.
- Be careful not to pull the twine out of either cup.
- Slowly pour the water out of the top cup onto the twine and into the other cup
- Be sure to keep the twine taut the entire time you pour the colored water.

What You Say:

That was amazing! A thin string transferred the water from one cup to the other without a major spill! What happened in this experiment was unexpected!

“In the same way, in the most unexpected place at the most unexpected time, God poured out His love towards us. He sent His very own Son as a baby to rescue the whole world.

“You may have heard the Christmas story a hundred times by now, but that doesn’t make it any less amazing because it was the most incredible thing that ever happened. Jesus is the ultimate example of God’s love for us, and that’s why we celebrate Christmas! ***[Bottom Line]* God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.**”

Close your group in prayer:

“Thank You, God, for giving us the greatest gift. You loved us so much that you sent Your only Son to be our Rescuer—to save us from our sins so that we could be part of Your family forever. Thank You for giving us such an amazing reason to celebrate at Christmas. In the midst of our busy day on Christmas, remind us to take a moment to thank You for all You have given us. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”