

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

**HSM**  
WEEK B

## LEADER PREP

### MAIN POINT

Go see for yourself.

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20 NIV

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To inspire students to take a step towards Jesus themselves, no matter where they are in their faith.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Chances are your group has some devoted believers, some immature Christians and some students who only show up because their friends are there. No matter where they are on the journey, as leaders, our goal is for every high schooler to develop an authentic personal faith. That means inviting them, over and over, to think critically about what they hear, to wrestle with doubts and to examine personally what they believe. Chances are not all of that will happen with every student this week. Remember, discipleship is a life-long process. If a student in your group begins to rethink what God or Jesus means to them, that's great!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.

### THE WORD

- READ Luke 2:8-20. *Pro Tip: This is a longer passage, so divide it up among multiple students.*
- Someone recap what is going on in their own words.
- Why does this matter to us over 2,000 years later?
- Do you think most people experience God for themselves or take others word for it?
- Have you experienced God for yourself? How would you describe that experience to a friend?

### APPLICATION

- Let's brainstorm together: What are ways we can "go see for ourselves" what God is like and get to know Him better?\*
- *\*Leaders, we've got a possible next step for your group detailed on the back - check it out!*
- New experiences are almost always better when you're with someone. Who is someone you could bring with you to HSM or Christmas services to "see for themselves" what God is like?

### COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

### PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.  
Anyone have any prayer requests?

## **LUKE 2:8-20 NIV**

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." (Luke 2:8-15 NIV).

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told (Luke 2:16-20 NIV).

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### **LEADERS, TRY THIS: Take next steps towards Jesus together.**

Challenge your students to experience Christmas in a new way by encouraging them to engage in the YouVersion 21-Day Devotional "Christmas Lights" that pairs with this series. Pro Tip: Take it a step further and do the plan together as a group! Download the YouVersion app yourself, search for the "Christmas Lights" series, select the "With Friends" option and send the link to your group.

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## **NOTES**