

### LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT We are all invited to get to know Jesus.

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:2-20NIV

#### **GOAL OF SMALL GROUP**

To encourage students to have a personal relationship with Jesus by accepting His invitation to get to know Him for themselves.

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

This week's conversation extends an invitation for students to take a step to get to know Jesus. For some, this may be the first time they decide to follow Jesus or start a relationship with Him. Be sure to celebrate those who make any step toward Jesus this week, big or small. Any step like this is a really big deal for their lives! And remember, follow up is key here, with both new students and those who have been a part of your group for years. Your personal outreach to them has the potential to make a big difference in what next steps they take when it comes to their faith.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What's one cool thing you've heard about Jesus?

#### THE WORD

- When it comes to Jesus, why do you think it's important to decide what you believe for yourself?
- Who can recap Luke 2:2-20 for us? (Leaders, affirm what they remember and fill in any gaps).
- Why is this story such a big deal?

#### **APPLICATION**

- Scatter next step cards and have students pick a next step they can take over the Christmas break to get to know Jesus better.
- What's next step did you choose to do over the Christmas break to get to know Jesus better?

#### **COMMUNITY BUILD**

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?
- What are everyone's favorite Christmas traditions?
- What are you looking forward to this Christmas break?

#### PRAY

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

#### LUKE 2:2-20 NIV

"And everyone went to their own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 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."

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 2:3-20 NIV).

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

12.19.21 - Best Christmas Ever Week 3 12.26.21 & 1.2.21 - NO MSM Services 1.9.21 - MSM SG Services Kickoff

**NOTES** 



## INTO MY LIFE FOR THE FIRST TIME



**TO CHURCH NEXT WEEK** 



WITH A TRUSTED ADULT TO <u>ask questions</u> I HAVE ABOUT FAITH



ABOUT HOW THEY MADE THEIR FAITH THEIR OWN



## THINGS ABOUT GOD



WHAT MY FAITH MEANS



HOW I'VE EXPERIENCED GOD IN MY LIFE



**MY FAITH** 

# I WILL MAKE TIME EACH DAY <u>To Talk to God</u>

## I WILL WRITE DOWN ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE ABOUT GOD AND Start asking them