



12.5.21

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINTS

(1) You are invited. (2) You belong here.

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-10 NIV

INVEST + INVITE

Christmas is one of the biggest seasons in the church! It's a great opportunity to not only have a fun and celebrate, but to also share the birth of Jesus and the message of hope that He brought to the world that first Christmas.

The purpose of this particular Christmas series is two-fold: to invest and invite.

Investing in the current students in your ministry means pouring the hope of Jesus into them. It's a chance to help them see the familiar Christmas story in a new way—a way that might change their lives and hearts forever. During this series, you'll have the opportunity to show them that they are fully known and fully loved by God and by the people in your ministry.

Investing in new students in the room means leading conversations in a way someone new or newer to church can follow and participate. Be careful to choose words and phrases that are easier for everyone to understand, no matter their church background. And when telling the Christmas story, don't assume everybody knows the details. Assume you have students who are hearing it for the very first time. This will help everyone feel included.

Then, you'll move to invite. The invitation will depend on where your students are in their faith journey. **Wherever they are, invite them into their next step with Jesus.** For some, it may just be an invitation to come back next week and continue being a part of your ministry. For others, it might be an invitation to take the step to begin to follow Jesus. And for others, it might be an invitation to move forward in their relationship with Jesus in new ways.

As you lead this month, keep those two words—invest and invite—in the forefront of your mind. This is the goal and heart behind making this Christmas the best Christmas ever at your youth ministry.

WHY TODAY LOOKS DIFFERENT

Today is different, for a GREAT reason! We want to celebrate Jesus' birthday season in style, in a fun way students feel extra comfortable to invite their non-church friends to try out MSM on the weekends.

We want to have a shorter teaching time today to set up more time for students to connect with each other and YOU, the amazing high school students and adults in the church who care about them.

We believe in the power of relationships, we believe in the power of every student knowing they belong here.

SPECIAL MISSIONS

- Give 12 students compliments
- Get to know the names of 3 students you don't know
- Try to smile and greet every student in the room today!

LUKE 2:8-10 NIV

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

12.12.21 - Best Christmas Ever Week 2

12.19.21 - Best Christmas Ever Week 3

12.26.21 & 1.2.21 - NO MSM Services

1.9.21 - MSM SG Services Kickoff

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