

LUKE 2 - JESUS WAS BORN

KIDS' LIFEGROUP GUIDE

WEEK: 3/15/20 - 3/21/20

OVERVIEW:

- **Part 1:** Catch Up On Life (15 Minutes)
- **Part 2:** Kidtown Lesson Review (15 Minutes)
- **Part 3:** Reflection (15 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3a: Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3b: Snack (5 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3c: Sing (5 Minutes)
- **Part 4:** Prayer Time! (20 Minutes)

PART 1: CATCH UP ON LIFE (15 minutes)

Setting: Sit in a circle with kids and adults interspersed! Adults sitting amongst the kids helps everyone engage and pay attention. Parents - you are always responsible for your kids, but you're also looking to engage with other kids in your group.

- *Leader Note: If your group eats dinner with your kids, this is the best part of the guide to do together while you eat. Add 15 minutes for everyone to get their plates and start eating. Then shift into intentional conversation as the kids are starting to finish their food.*

Vision: God calls the church -- and our LifeGroup -- to be family! Because of this, we want our kids to know our adults and our adults to know our kids. The best way to get to know each other is to ask each other questions and tell each other about our lives.

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, you can ask kids if they remember why we ask each other questions. Help them to remember that God's making us family, so we want to get to know each other.*

Questions:

- 1.) What was your high and low from the week?
- 2.) **Kids Pick!** Let each kid ask the adults in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Kids to ask Adults if they're having a hard time thinking of any.
- 3.) **Adults Pick!** Have each adult ask the kids in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Adults to ask Kids if they're having a hard time thinking of any.

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (15 minutes)

Vision: God uses the Bible to show Himself to us. He also uses it to help us love Him and others better. We don't only want to learn *about* the Bible; we're also called to apply it to our lives -- to change the way we think (Head), what we love and value (Heart) and what we do (Hands).

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, ask kids if they remember why we study the Bible.*

Lesson: Jesus Was Dedicated

Bible Passage: Luke 2

REVIEW:

- 1.) **Kids, what do you remember from the story you learned about on Sunday?** (Pause and let them think of what they can remember.)
- 2.) **Can anyone remember the main characters?**
 - God/Jesus! (*Leader Note: Almost always a right answer. Helps reinforce that the entire Bible is about God and points forward to Jesus*)
 - Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna
- 3.) **Ok, does anyone remember any of the story points?**
 - Story Point #1: Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to dedicate Him.
 - Story Point #2: Simeon said that Jesus would save God's people.
 - Story Point #3: Anna told people that Jesus had come.
- 4.) **Awesome! And can anyone remember how this story connected to Jesus?**
 - Christ Connection: Jesus was the Savior that God's people were waiting for!

Transition: That was awesome! Y'all did a great job remembering. Ok let's watch the video and see if we remember anything we forgot or notice anything new this time.

WATCH THE VIDEO STORY:

Click [here](#) to watch the Gospel Project Video Story.

TALK THROUGH THE STORY POINTS:

Leader Note: If your kids are younger, it helps to give them journals. For each question, have them write their answers first and then go around the circle and share.

Leader Note: Say each story point and have the kids repeat it.

Story Point #1: Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to dedicate Him.

- Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus? *To the temple.*
- Why did they take Jesus there? *Because that is what God's law said to do.*
- Teach: Mary and Joseph were following God's law by taking Jesus to the temple, God wanted parents to take their children to the temple and commit to raising them according to God's law. Mary and Joseph were being obedient by taking Jesus to the temple.

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Story Point #2: Simeon said that Jesus would save God's people.

- Why was Simeon at the temple? *Because God's Spirit had led him there.*
- What had God promised to Simeon? *That he would live to see the Messiah.*
 - Did God keep this promise? *Yes! He saw Jesus at the temple!*
- Read: Luke 2:29-32
 - What did Simeon say about Jesus? *That He was the promised Messiah and that He would be a light for the world!*

Story Point #3: Anna told people that Jesus had come.

- Who was Anna? *She was an older woman who loved God and spent a lot of her time at the temple.*
- What did Anna do after she met Jesus? *She told lots of people about Him!*
- Why were Anna and Simeon so excited about seeing Jesus? *Because Jesus was the Savior that God's people were waiting for!*

REVIEW THE CHRIST CONNECTION AND APPLY IT:

Christ Connection: Jesus was the Savior that God's people were waiting for!

- Did God keep His promise to Simeon that he would see the Messiah? *Yes!*
- Did God keep His promise to His people that He would send a Messiah? *Yes!*
- Pray: Let's pause right now and thank God for sending Jesus!

Main Application(s): We can rejoice like Simeon that Jesus came to be our Savior!

- Adults first then kids - Is it easy to remember to praise God for what he has done? Why?
- Adults first then kids - What can you do to help yourself remember to rejoice like Simeon did?
- Adults first then kids - Is there anyone in your life right now that needs to know about Jesus as Savior? Who? We'll pray for them in a bit.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE:

Ask any of the kids if they can remember the key passage. Help lead them through it leaving out words and see if they can fill them in.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1-2

PART 3: REFLECTION (10 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child or tell them to get their journals. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- What is one thing I need to do in light of this story? (Help the kids think of ways they can grow, how they might pray for help or practical steps of repentance they can take.)

After the kids have had time to write down their reflection questions, go around the circle and share one at a time (kids and adults).

OPTIONAL - PART 3a: LESSON ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Wait For It

Gather kids together. Suggest a simple action, such as run in place, pat your head, or shake a friend's hand. Instruct boys and girls to wait to begin moving until a signal is given. Watch a clock's second hand as children anticipate beginning to move. Build excitement and finally give the signal for the boys and girls to move. Continue playing and emphasize the waiting, pre-movement time.

Say • Simeon and Anna waited a long time to meet Jesus. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he saw the Savior who would rescue people from sin. How happy he was when he met Baby Jesus! When Anna saw Jesus, she thanked God and told people that Jesus the Savior had been born. Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus and told others the good news.

OPTION 2: How Long?

Have kids sit in a circle. Ask each child how long they would wait for something in a particular scenario. E.g. "Sally, how long would you wait in line for a new toy that you really want? A few minutes? One hour?"

Suggested scenarios:

You are in line for the best roller coaster.

You are waiting for tickets to a cool new movie.

You are waiting for a dance recital to begin.

Say • We don't all agree on what is worth waiting for, but today we learned about two people who knew they were waiting on something spectacular. What were they waiting for?

OPTIONAL - PART 3b: SNACK (5 minutes)

If your group doesn't eat dinner together, now is a great time to stop for a snack break before spending time praying together and talking about living on mission. For Kidtown we keep snacks simple with Goldfish for most kids and Gummy snacks in case a kid has Gluten allergies.

OPTIONAL - PART 3c: SING (5 minutes)

Play one or more of these videos and sing and dance along!

- [Everlasting God](#)
- [The Word Was God](#) (Key Passage Song)

PART 4: PRAYER TIME! (20 minutes)

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER: (10 minutes)

Vision: God calls His people to love each other, pray for each other and help each other carry burdens.

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- How do you need prayer this week?
- What is one thing you need Jesus to help you with this week?
- What is one way you're hoping Jesus will help you grow this week?

Pray: Invite each kid to write down the other kids' prayer requests. Then have each kid pray for the person on their right!

PRAY FOR JESUS' MISSION: (10 minutes)

Vision: God calls His people to share with others the good news of Jesus. This means that we try to love others with our actions and with our words. We want all our friends to know about Jesus and His great love for them.

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God's love this week to someone who might not know Him?
- Who could we invite to do something fun with our LifeGroup friends this month?

Pray: Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else's friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!