

## **CitiKids Lesson - December 5, 2021**

[The following is a step by step plan for the Big Kid room. Feel free to adjust as necessary]:

**5:00pm-5:15pm - Free time + Play**

**5:15pm - Worship, Memory Verse + Songs:**

*[Songs are on the CitiKids Worship Playlist]*

**First Song: O Come All Ye Faithful by Rend Collective**

**Memory Verse: Isaiah 9:6**

- To help us prepare for Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus, we learned a brand new memory verse last week! Let's review it together. Repeat after me:
- "For a child is born to us..." (Fold arms like you're rocking a baby)
- "...a son is given to us." (Point to yourself)
- "The government will rest on his shoulders." (Tap on your shoulders)
- "And he will be called..." (Cup hands around mouth like you're shouting)
- "Wonderful counselor" (Count 1, 2, 3, 4 on each finger for each new name)
- "Mighty God"
- "Everlasting Father"
- "Prince of Peace"

**Second Song: Joy to the World by Wee Sing**

- When angels announced Jesus's birth to shepherds in a field one night, they shouted, "Glory to God in the highest!" Can you shout that? Let's be as loud as we can! "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!"
- In this song, you're going to hear, "Gloria in excelsis deo!" which is Latin for "Glory to God in the highest!" Every time you hear that phrase, I want you to wave your arms like crazy! Act like you're celebrating with the angels and praising God!

### **Lyrics to “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*Joyful and triumphant*  
*O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem*  
*Come and behold Him*  
*Born the King of Angels*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*  
*Sing, choirs of angels*  
*Sing in exaltation*  
*Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above*  
*Glory to God, in the highest*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*  
*Oh, yes, Lord, we greet Thee*  
*Born this happy morning*  
*Jesus to Thee be all Glory*  
*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*O come, let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*  
*O come, O come adore Him*

*Gather round the throne before him*  
*O come, O come adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*  
*O come, O come adore Him*  
*Gather round the throne before him*  
*O come, O come adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*  
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*Christ the Lord*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*

### **Lyrics to “Joy to the World”**

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come*  
*Let earth receive her King!*  
*Let every heart prepare Him room*  
*And heaven and nature sing*  
*And heaven and nature sing*  
*And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns*  
*Let men their songs employ*  
*While fields and floods*  
*Rocks, hills and plains*  
*Repeat the sounding joy*  
*Repeat the sounding joy*  
*Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace*  
*And makes the nations prove*  
*And glories of His righteousness*  
*And wonders of His love*  
*And wonders of His love*  
*And wonders, wonders of His love*

## 5:20 - Snack

### 5:25pm - Lesson - ONE BIG THING: Jesus saves us from our sins.

Last week was the beginning of Advent. *Ask:* Do you remember what we're celebrating during Advent? (Give them a minute to answer) We're celebrating Jesus's birth! So this month we're going to read about different people in the Bible who were waiting for Jesus to be born. Last week we learned about Mary. *Ask:* Do you remember who Mary was? (Give them a minute to answer) Mary was the mother of Jesus! We learned that Mary was visited by an angel named Gabriel who told her that she was going to have a baby who would be fully God and fully man. This baby was going to be the Messiah!

Today we're going to learn about Mary's soon-to-be husband Joseph. When Gabriel visited Mary, Mary was actually engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Imagine Joseph's surprise and confusion when Mary came to him and told him she was going to have a baby! But not *Joseph's* baby - the Holy Spirit's baby! What?! You can imagine that Joseph felt really overwhelmed by that news. In fact, Joseph actually wanted to end their engagement. But he was a really good man, so he didn't want to embarrass Mary or bring her shame, so he decided to end their engagement in secret.

It was at this moment that Joseph was actually visited by an angel too. Let's see what the angel said to him!

#### **Read Matthew 1:20-24 (NLT):**

As Joseph considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit."

*Pause to say:* So the angel tells Joseph, "Hey, Mary isn't crazy. She really is going to have a baby and that baby really is going to be God's Son. Then he says:

"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us!'"

*Pause to say:* The angel tells Joseph that Jesus will save people from their sins. And this was actually predicted a long, long time ago by God's messengers called prophets.

*Ask:* Does anyone know what **sin** is? (Give them a minute to answer) Sin is anything that goes against God's good design. We sin when we do something God says not to do OR when we don't do something God tells us to do. In the Bible we learn that because of our sin, our relationship with God is broken. He created us to know and love him and obey him, but now that's all messed up. We

don't love or obey God the way we should. Because of sin, we do what we want to do all of the time instead of what God wants us to do. We lie and disobey our parents and fight with our siblings. Ask: Can you think of a time when you've sinned? (Give them a minute to answer)

BUT there's good news! Jesus came to save us from our sins. When we believe that Jesus really was God and that he lived a perfect life, and that he died on the cross as a punishment for sin so that we wouldn't have to, and that God raised him up three days later, we're saved from our sins! Our relationship with God is made right again! The Holy Spirit gives us a new heart that lets us say "no" to sin and "yes" to Jesus! Ask: What do you guys think of that good news? (Give them a minute to answer) Praise God that Jesus came so long ago at Christmas to save us from our sins!

**5:45pm - Coloring Page**

**6:00pm - Clean up and prepare for parent arrival.**