

FAITH SKILLS

FAITH SKILLS activities allow kids to learn more about the Bible by focusing on a specific theme each quarter.

GENEROSITY GAME

WHAT YOU NEED: game boards (1 set of 15), game pieces (1 set of 15), dice, leader sheet

WHAT YOU SAY: “God is so generous to us. He gave us His Son Jesus, and because of that, we can give to others, too. The Bible says we should live generous lives, giving back to God with our time, our talents, and our money. Let’s play a game and learn more about what the Bible says about being generous.”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a game board and a game piece. Tell kids to put their game piece on “Start.”
- Explain kids will try to be first to get to the finish line on their game boards.
 - Each time a 2, 4, or 6 is rolled, every kid will move their game piece that many spaces along their personal game board.
 - Each time a 1, 3, or 5 is rolled, the eGroup Leader will read a scenario from the leader sheet and encourage kids to follow the instructions.
- If a kid moves their game piece and lands on a:
 - **BLUE** space, the kid can move forward one additional space.
 - **ORANGE** space, the kid must move backward one space.
 - **GREEDY CHRISTMAS FACE** space, the kid has slipped on wrapping paper and must slide back three spaces.
 - space connected to a **BRIDGE**, the kid must cross the bridge.
- The first kid to reach the finish line wins!



WEEK OF
DECEMBER 21, 2019



1ST – 5TH
GRADE

MOTION LESSON PLAN

SERIES OVERVIEW



Let’s celebrate the whole Christmas season by talking about who God is. As kids learn who God is, they trust His marvelous plan, love others without exception, and live for Jesus.

KEY QUESTION

Week 1: Does God see what people can’t see?

Week 2: Do you trust that God is in control of your life?

Week 3: What’s one way that God shows love to you?

WEEK 4: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD SENT HIS SON TO EARTH FOR YOU?

BIBLE FOCUS

Week 1: Matthew 6:1-4

Week 2: Matthew 6:25-27 & John 3:16

Week 3: Romans 5:8 & John 3:16

WEEK 4: JOHN 3:16 & LUKE 2:1-20

DECEMBER FAITH SKILL: GENEROSITY

Clubhouse kids will learn about generosity during dismissal. Kids don’t have to wait until they are older to be generous — they can make a difference right now with what they have! When we have an eternal perspective on giving and generosity, it helps us live our lives focused on what’s really important.

BIBLE CONNECT (10 MIN)
BIBLE CONNECT helps kids make connections to the Bible by hearing and thinking about the Bible passage.

JOURNAL ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: journal (1 per kid), journal leader guide, pens

WHAT YOU SAY: “There are lots of ways we can study the Bible and learn more about God. This month, we’re going to use a journal to help us dig into God’s Word together to study what we read.

A Bible journal is a place where you can keep notes about what you’re reading in the Bible, answer questions, and write down what you’re learning.”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a journal and a pen.
- Use the journal leader guide to read today’s Bible passage and help kids understand it. Follow the flow of the journal and help your eGroup answer each question in their own journals.

WHAT YOU SAY: “God isn’t a faraway figure up in heaven. God loves us and sent Jesus TO BE with us. God is closer than ever! When we believe that God sent His Son to earth for us, we follow Jesus and know He’s closer than ever.”

YOU CONNECT (10 MIN)
YOU CONNECT helps kids make connections between the main point and their lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, ornament card, scissors, markers and/or crayons, pens, string

WHAT YOU SAY:

1. Which would you rather be near: a sheep, a donkey, or a camel?
2. Read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20. *(Leader Tip: If possible, make this feel like a special Christmas story time for your eGroup — bring in cookies and hot chocolate, have the group sit on a Christmas blanket, or read the story from an illustrated Bible or picture book.)*
3. What’s your favorite part of the Christmas story?
4. How does the Christmas story help us understand John 3:16 and God’s love for us?
5. When you think about God, what do you think about? Do you tend to picture Him as near and close to you, or as far away?
6. When do you feel closest to God?
7. God is right here with us. What’s one way you can spend time with God this week to feel closer to Him?

WHAT YOU SAY: “Christmas is one time during the year when we celebrate how God closed the gap to be close to us by sending Jesus to earth. Let’s create an ornament to help us remember that God is closer than ever.”

YOU CONNECT (CONT.)
YOU CONNECT helps kids make connections between the main point and their lives.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid an ornament and encourage them to cut it out along the black outline.
- On the back of the ornament, have them draw their answer to the seventh question on page 2.
- Have them color and decorate both sides of their ornament and cut a piece of string to make an ornament loop.
- Encourage kids to take their ornament home and hang it somewhere fun to help them remember that God is close.



SUGGESTED PRAYER:

“Dear God, thank You for loving us and wanting to be near to us. You are the creator of the universe and still came to earth as a tiny baby so You could be with us. Because of Your birth, death, and resurrection, there is no distance between us. Help us to remember that You are close, and help us to follow You in all we do. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

BIBLE CONNECT (5 MIN)
BIBLE CONNECT helps kids make connections to the Bible by learning and practicing the memory verse together.

LEFT RIGHT CENTER

WHAT YOU NEED: dice (3), plastic candy canes (3 per kid)

WHAT YOU SAY: “Christmas is the time of year we celebrate Jesus being born and God’s plan for us! Our memory verse, John 3:16, tells us that God is bigger than our plans, loves us just as we are, and is always with us.

Let’s play a game to help us memorize this verse!”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Have your Group sit in a circle, and give each kid three candy canes.
- Explain the goal is to be the kid with the most candy canes by the end of the game.
- On their turn, each kid will roll the three dice. If they roll a:
 - **1 or 4:** They will give one candy cane to the kid on their left.
 - **2 or 5:** They will give one candy cane to the kid on their right.
 - **3 or 6:** They will put one candy cane in the center UNLESS they can recite John 3:16 from memory. If they can recite it, they will keep the candy cane.
- Choose one kid to begin the game.
- Continue until one kid is left with candy canes, or as time allows.
- **NOTE:** Even if a kid loses all their candy canes, they are still not out of the game. They might receive a candy cane from the kid next to them. Only kids with candy canes should roll the dice on their turn.

MEMORY VERSE: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16, NIV