



DECEMBER'S THEME

**ANOTHER CHRISTMAS
STORY**

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:1-5

BOTTOM LINE Jesus brings light to our darkness

MEMORY VERSES NA

LIFE APP Our relationship with Jesus is meant to affect every area of our lives.



- Tonight we will start with a Christmas “hymn sing” where the kids will be able to pick out songs from a song book.
- We will have communion tonight and it will be served in the round.

MY GOAL FOR THE NIGHT:

**THINK
ABOUT THIS**

This month we'll be working through a series called “Another Christmas Story.” The purpose of this series will be to walk, verse by verse, through the Christmas story. The irony is that many of the kids, while they have heard Christmas stories, haven't really spent much time in the actual Christmas story in the Bible. As a result, they miss out of the full magnituded that Jesus' birth had on his contemporaries, and by extension us. So, just what is the significance? How can something that meant something to shepherds, old temple servants, and unwed couples 2,000 years ago be important to sixth through twelfth graders growing up in the 21st century? As we'll find out, quite a lot. The

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Take a moment to share a story about your best day ever. Why did you include the details that you did? How would you tell the story differently to different people? What details did you leave out? What if someone else shared this story, why would you want them to be intentional about how they do it?
- Think of the stories your family shares all the time. Who usually shares the stories with guests or new friends? Do other people make sure the story comes out just right? Give an example.
- The introduction to a book, movie, or song sets the tone for what comes next. What tone does Luke set in his gospel?
- Luke wrote this for a friend who was a new follower of Jesus. If you were writing a story about who Jesus is to a friend who was new to following Jesus, what would you write? How would you start? Why did you choose your answer?
- Who is the person that shared the story of Jesus with you first? How did they go about it? What were your initial impressions?
- When someone tells you something important and life-changing, how important to you is it that they are “credible.” What does credibility mean to you? What do you think makes for a credible story teller for Jesus? Why do you say that?
- As we read in verse 5, the backdrop for this story is the world of a ruler named Herod. Long story short, there was a lot of pain and misery in this world. Luke seems to be suggesting that Jesus is a solution to that pain and misery. Do you think that Jesus can be a solution to the problems we experience today? How so?

EXTRAS

Thank You, Luke

What You Need: Paper, pen or phone

What you Do: Many of us have someone who shared the story of Jesus with us in a way that was special. We don't have a letter from Theophilus back to Luke saying "thank you" for sharing this amazing Jesus story. Take a moment to write a thank you note, or give a shout-out to, the person that shared the Jesus story with you.

Debrief Questions:

- Who was the person that shared the Jesus story with you for the first time? What was the situation or circumstance where that took place?
- What about the way they shared the story was unique or compelling? How do you think it shapes the way that you tell the story today?

JUST FOR FUN

Rudolph Race

What You Need: Red pom, spoon, vaseline, rudolf poster, tape

What You Do: Give each player a red pom pom and a spoonful of vaseline. Players have to race to be the first person to put a red pom pom on Rudolph's nose (make sure to put a bit of vaseline on his nose as well) on the other side of the room. To play, players must dip their nose into the spoonful of vaseline then get the red pom pom to stick to the vaseline on their nose. Once the red pom is on their nose, they must move across the room and stick it to Rudolph's nose. The catch? They can't use their hands at any time.