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CHRISTMAS

## No Room in the Inn

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## Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about the day Jesus was born! It was a special day because it was the day God came to be with us. Do you remember his nickname from last week? Jesus is Immanuel which means "God with us". Now, you would think that Jesus would choose to be born in a fancy hotel. He's God so he should have the best. Nope. That wasn't the case at all. Mary and Joseph, Jesus' parents, were traveling a long way when it was time for Jesus to be born. So, they found an inn to stay in for the night. Well, the inn was full of other travelers so they had to stay in a barn. This is where Jesus was born- a stinky barn full of animals. And, he didn't even have a nice crib to sleep in that night. He was put in a manger which was a feeding trough for the animals. Can you imagine how dirty and smelly? Yuck! We can learn an important lesson from this story. The inn keeper didn't make room for Jesus. He didn't understand who he was. Let's not let that be true of us. We know that Jesus is God who came to save us from our sins so let's make room for him in our hearts. Let's make Jesus our first priority, not our last.

**Big Idea**

*We should make room in our hearts for Jesus.*

**Key Question**

*How can we make Jesus a priority in our lives?*

**Memory Verse**

*Luke 2:7 "She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them."*

### Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe the coolest hotel you've ever stayed in on vacation.** (Tip: Maybe it had a cool pool or an arcade. Jesus didn't have a nice place to stay when he was born.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We need to do things that make us think of Jesus.** (Think about what you do in a typical day. You go to school, do homework, eat, and play. Well, we need to make time for Jesus, too. We need to read the Bible, pray, and go to church. These things help us to make Jesus a priority and they help us to remember how awesome Jesus is and all he's done for us.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** Why should Jesus be a priority? What are some things we can do to spend time with Jesus? **4-5th** What is likely to happen if we don't make Jesus a priority in our lives?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [Philippians 2:5-8](#). According to this passage, what all did Jesus give up when he came to earth? What can we learn from the attitude of Jesus?** (Answer: Jesus left the comforts of heaven to come down to be with us. He gave up his rights as God and humbled himself to be born in a stinky place and worked as a carpenter for much of his life. He eventually died a criminal's death to save us all. Jesus showed humility in those choices and he did it all because he loves us. We should be humble and loving, too.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGODkids.org](http://pursueGODkids.org) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: JINGLE BELL TOSS

### Instructions:

- Before class, tape one line on the floor and take 10 red solo cups and write the following point values:
  - 1 cup: 20 pts.
  - 2 cups: 15 pts.
  - 3 cups: 10 pts.
  - 4 cups: 5 pts.
- Before playing, set up the cups to look like a Christmas tree, 20pt. cut at top, 2 15 pts as next row and so on. Divide the class into two teams. Give each kid a small jingle bell. Have teams alternate taking turns stepping up to the line and trying to land their bell into one of the cups. Whichever cup the bell lands in, is the point value they earn for that round. Keep track of each team's points. The team with the most points wins.

**Supplies needed:** Tape, 10 red solo cups

## OPTION 2: MANGER CRAFT

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Manger template (page 5).
- Give each kid a pipe cleaner and a small piece of kleenex and some raffia.
- Have the kids color their star. Then, have them glue the raffia on the bottom part of the star to look like straw. Then have the kids take the kleenex and fold it to look like a blanket and glue it in the middle of the raffia. Then, glue the Jesus face at on end of the kleenex to make it look like Jesus is laying in the manger.
- Then have them glue the verse in the top, middle of the star. Have them glue the ends of the pipe cleaner to the top back side of the star making it an ornament they can hang on their tree.
- As they work, read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:1-12. Remind the kids that Jesus was born in a stinky barn because there was no room in the inn. We need to make sure we make room in our hearts for Jesus and make him a priority.

**Supplies needed:** Manger template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue, Piper cleaner (1 per kid), Kleenex (cut into smaller pieces, 1 piece per kid) Raffia



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When Mary and Joseph tried to find place to stay in Bethlehem, there was no room for them in the inn.

**Key Points:**

- There was no room in the \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 2:7
- \_\_\_\_\_ came to be with us. Matthew 1:23
- We should make room in our \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus!

**Memory Verse:**

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**Talk About It**

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Describe the coolest hotel you've ever stayed in on vacation.*
3. *What happened when Mary and Joseph showed up at the inn?*
4. *Why do you think Jesus chose to be born in a barn instead of a nice hotel?*
5. *Read Philippians 2:5-8. According to this passage, what all did Jesus give up when he came to earth? What can we learn from the attitude of Jesus?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

**Instructions:** Color the picture.

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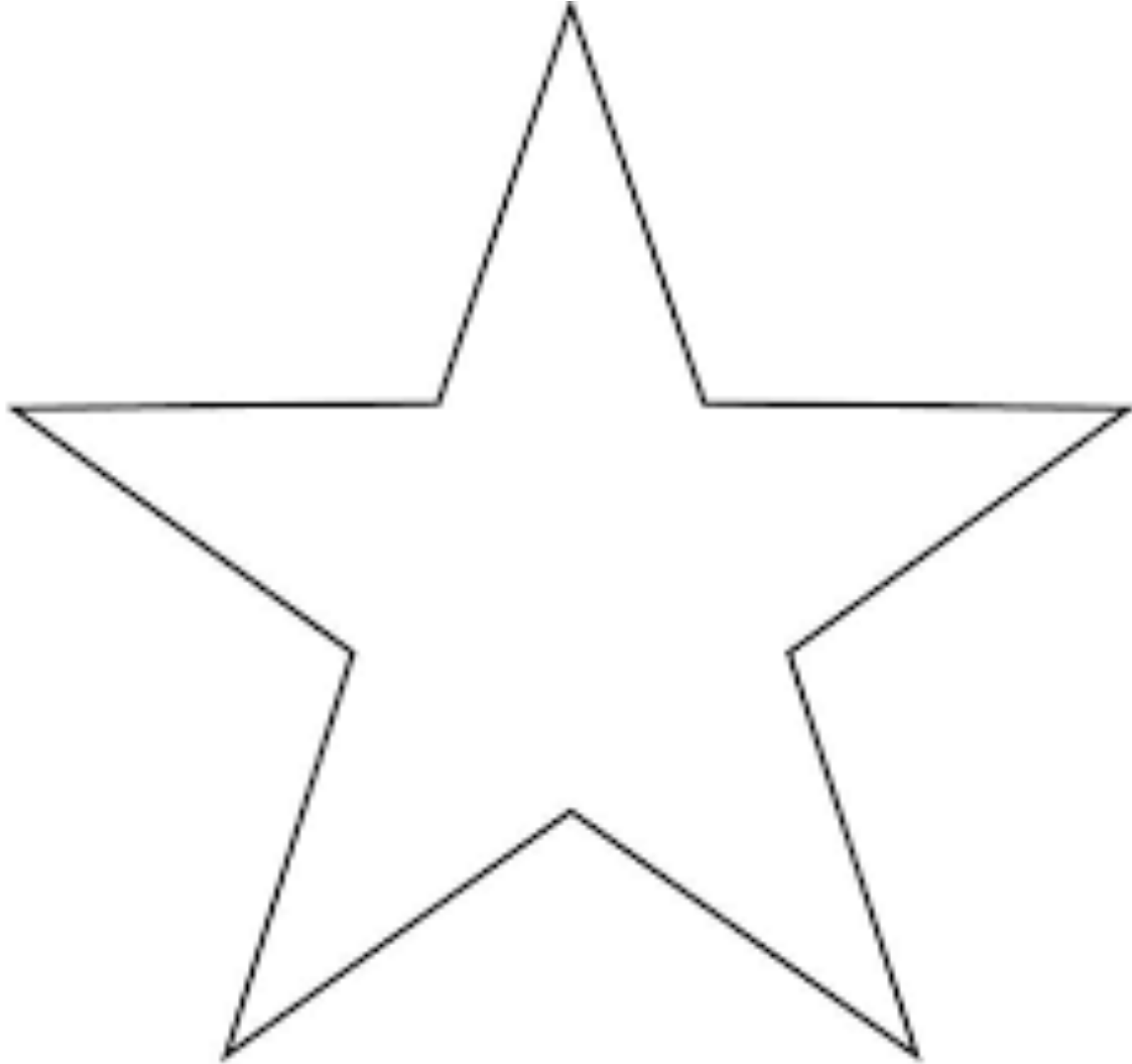


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