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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Do you guys know what holiday is coming up? (allow kids to answer). That's right, Christmas! What are some things that you think of around Christmas time? (allow kids to answer). Yeah, we think about things like Christmas lights, Christmas trees, and most of all PRESENTS.

Those things are really great and can make Christmas so much fun. But have you ever heard what's most important about this holiday? It's not the decorations or the gifts. It's something so much better than that!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together. This is the song we'll sing on Christmas Eve!

Song

Jesus is Born

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Christmas is about relationships, not presents. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What is Jesus' nickname? (Immanuel)
- Who shows us how much God cares about relationships? (Jesus)
- True or False: Christmas is all about presents. (F)

It can be really exciting to get gifts on Christmas. We get new toys, new clothes, and lots of other cool things. Getting gifts at Christmas time isn't bad, but it's not the most important thing. What really matters are the important relationships in our lives. Can you guys think of some important people in your life? (allow kids to answer). Good answers! Those people you just listed are the people you should focus on this Christmas. It's important to spend time with them. Who else should be important to us? (allow kids to answer). Right, Jesus!

Did you know that Jesus came on Christmas because he wanted relationship with us? It's true and he has a nickname to prove it!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"She will give birth to a son (pretend to cradle baby), and they will call him Immanuel (point up), which means 'God is with us' (hands over heart)." Matthew 1:23 (Repeat)

Think about how cool that is! Jesus came to be with us. That's what Immanuel means! He isn't a distant friend who never thinks about us. No! He's our best friend who is always with us. He came to eventually die to pay for our sins because he loves us so much! That's why we need to remember that Christmas really is about relationships. First, we need to spend time with Jesus. He's the most important person we can ever know. And, we should spend time with our friends and family. We should help our parents with chores and write a nice note to our grandparents. We should play with our siblings. We should do these things to show our love and appreciation for them.

So, let's remember what Christmas is really about. The beautiful trees and lights are great. The presents are fun. But the real point is remembering relationships; first with God and then with others. Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Christmas is about relationships, not presents. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.