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CHRISTMAS

No Room in the Inn

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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

What are some things you love about Christmas? (allow kids to answer) All those things are great. Christmas is such a fun time of year because of all the beautiful decorations, the yummy cookies, and of course the presents under the tree! But we learned that Christmas is about more than that stuff. What did we learn last week about Christmas? (allow kids to answer) Right, Christmas is about relationships! Jesus came from Heaven to have a relationship with us. That's how he got his nickname! Which is what? (allow kids to answer). Great job, Immanuel, which means "God with us." He came so we could have a great relationship with God AND with those around us; like our parents, siblings, and friends.

Today, we're going to talk about making room for Jesus in our hearts. In the Christmas story, Jesus had to be born in a barn with animals because there was no room for him in the inn. We need to make sure our hearts don't get so crowded that there's no room for him there, either! We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together. This is our song for 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:

We should make room in our hearts for Jesus. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

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

- Where did Mary give birth to baby Jesus? (a barn)
- Why did Jesus come to earth? (to be with us)
- True or False: We should make room for Jesus in our hearts. (T)

Great job! The story of Christmas tells us that when Jesus came into the world, all the hotels were full! That's why he had to be born in a stinky barn. We need to make sure that we don't treat Jesus like this in our own lives. We shouldn't get so busy with sports or with video games that we don't leave any time for Jesus. Remember, Jesus left Heaven to come and be with us.

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

Slide: Memory Verse

"She gave birth to her firstborn son (pretend to cradle baby). She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth (pretend to wrap something) and laid him in a manger (motion as if giving something), because there was no lodging available for them (shrug)." Luke 2:7 *(Repeat)*

So, what does it mean to make room for Jesus? It means we make him our top priority, not our last priority. We should spend time with him doing things like reading the Bible and praying. So, as you celebrate Christmas this year, remember to make room for Jesus in your heart. Don't allow your new toys or anything else to be more important than Jesus.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Joy to the World

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

Slide: Big Idea

We should make room in our hearts for Jesus. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.