

MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS

Week 2

Props: Get creative with Christmas decor - set up a tree, nativity scene printed and hung on the wall, or make big ornaments out of paper and write "Relationships", "Make room for Jesus" and "Give good gifts" on each one and hang on the wall.

-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 (2 min)

Last week we started our new series on the meaning of Christmas! 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 more about this in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing. We have just one more week to practice this song to get ready for you to lead it in the Christmas Eve service!

-SONG- O Come All Ye Faithful (3 min)

Good job. This will be a very special part of the Christmas Eve service! Let's sit down and get ready for our lesson.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: We should make room in our hearts for Jesus. (repeat)

-VIDEO- Christmas 2 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

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

- There was no room in the ____ (inn)
- What is a manger? (feeding trough for animals)
- True or False: We should make room in our hearts for Jesus. (True)

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 read it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "She will give birth (**hands on your belly**) to a son, and they will call (**cup hands around mouth**) him Immanuel, which means 'God (**point to the sky**) is with us' (**hands over heart**)" Matthew 1:23 (**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 stuff or anything else to be more important than him.

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

-SONG- Angels We Have Heard on High (3 min)

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- Feed My Starving Children M&M campaign

Don't forget to pick up an M&M container from the KC desk today! Bring it back next week full of quarters to feed starving children around the world.

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)