

Christmas: Too Wonderful For Just One Day

Scripture: 1 John 4:9-11

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:11 *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”*

Lesson Focus: Christmas Day is past now and a lot of the kids might be thinking the fun is over and now it is time to move on. Such a view of Christmas is shared by the boy in the video that we are going to watch. If Christmas is only about parties and presents, then it IS just one day and afterwards we SHOULD move on. But, when it is properly understood as the day we remember that God the Son came to earth to begin His rescue mission, we see that it is much TOO WONDERFUL to remember and celebrate one day a year. Rather, as we DAILY remember that God loved us by coming down to rescue us, we will be inspired to go and love others as well.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video (Superbook). The video is very well done and does not have any content that should frighten children. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it here on Rightnow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/325179?episode=8>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and puzzles available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page and puzzle booklet.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) At the beginning of the video, what was Chris the most excited about?
- 2) Chris ended up winning all of the gifts at the mall. He said, “*They are all MINE! This is what Christmas is all about.*” What is wrong with this statement?
- 3) When the kids first met Mary and Joseph they were a little surprised they were real people. Sometimes the manger scenes and the many traditions surrounding Christmas cause people to treat the historical accounts of Jesus like fairy tales or fables. But the Bible says otherwise. Read **2 Peter 1:16**. Does this sound like what we read in our Bible about Jesus is a fairy tale?
- 4) Chris is worried about what is going to happen to Mary’s baby. Who is after the baby Jesus?
- 5) As they are waiting in line in Bethlehem Chris asks Joseph why he wasn’t worried. Why wasn’t Joseph worried?
- 6) At the very end of the movie, what did Chris decide to do? What changed his mind?

Go Deeper

- 1) Chris was surprised that the Son of God was born in a stable. Why do you think he was surprised by that?
- 2) **Read Luke 2:13-14**. What do you think it would have been like to be there with the shepherds when the angels appeared to them and praised God together?
- 3) Chris was expecting to see things like Santa Claus, lights, and reindeer in Bethlehem if it was indeed the “first Christmas”. Why are those things not there?
- 4) **Read 1 John 4:9-10**. How do you see these verses reflected in Christmas?
- 5) **Read 1 John 4:11**. When Chris saw how great God’s love was by sending Jesus Christ, His only Son, his attitude about Christmas changed. He then showed love to someone else. Who is someone you can show love to and how?
- 6) Why is it so easy for us to be confused about the real significance of Christmas?