

Week 3 – Elementary

Large Group Script

Need to Know

Jesus Came to Save Us!

Bible Story

Jesus is Born & Shepherds and Angels

Luke 2:1-7 & Luke 2:8-20



Characters:

- ▼ **GARY THE GAME GUY/GINGER THE GAME GIRL** – The overly cheesy host of the show Spin It to Win It. He/she always has a microphone in hand and a witty or cheesy remark to be made. He/she is in love with all things fun - games, candy, prizes, and spinning that wheel! Usually dominates the conversation and camera.
- ▼ **HIGGINS** – The studio announcer, or sidekick, of the show Spin It to Win It. Higgins makes sure everything about the show goes according to plan. He/she is more of a behind-the-scenes kind of person. Higgins laughs at Gary/Ginger's jokes (usually) and makes sure the operations level of the game show runs smoothly.
- ▼ **KIDS** – Live studio audience/potential game contestants.

Props:

- ▼ **Christmas Attire** - Gary/Ginger and Higgins wear
- ▼ **Bah-HUMbug Cards** – on stage
- ▼ **Shuffa Shades (2)** - on stage
- ▼ **Container** – offstage, holds all game supplies
- ▼ **Cookies (20)** - inside **Container**
- ▼ **Plates (2)** - inside **Container**
- ▼ **Oven Mitts (4)**- inside **Container**
- ▼ **Chef Hats (2)** - inside **Container**
- ▼ **Aprons (2)** - inside **Container**
- ▼ **Small Candy Prizes (2)** - offstage; replace each service
- ▼ **Presents (2)** - offstage; replace each service
- ▼ **Presents** - 1 per child; replace for each service; volunteers hand out after Large Group

PLAY Environmental Music in iTunes (until Counter fires)

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Counter

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo_Teaching Music

Worship leader(s) take stage.

LIGHTS AT 100%

WORSHIP LEADER

Heellllloooooo everyone! Merry Christmas!! If you're happy that it's Christmas, let me hear you say "Whoop whoop!" (*Whoop whoop!*) Plus, Christmas means that today is the special Holiday Edition of "Spin It to Win It"! For those of you who might be new to Spin It to Win It, I have some important information to tell you. You, yes you, will have the chance to be chosen by our game show hosts to play a super awesome game during the show. So make sure you are paying attention and let them know if you want to be chosen! Ok, I'm not going to spend any more time up here because I want you to meet our hosts! We're going to be live in 3...2...1...

Worship leader(s) exit.

LIGHTS DOWN

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Opener

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

PLAY: Acting Music (*from iTunes/iPod*)

LIGHTS AT 100%

ACT ONE: Introductions

GARY/GINGER and **HIGGINS** enter, wearing **Christmas attire**.

GARY/GINGER

Merry Christmas and welcome to "Spin It to Win It", the only game show where you spin the wheel to win big prizes! We will be selecting contestants for our games from our live studio audience. These contestants will compete for a chance to spin the wheel to win!

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo_Clap

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

GARY/GINGER (cont'd)

I'm your host, Gary the Game Guy/Ginger the Game Girl! Thanks for joining us today. Here with me is our studio announcer, Higgins! Higgins, tell our live studio audience what special day it is!

HIGGINS

Well, Gary/Ginger, today is the special HOLIDAY EDITION of "Spin It to Win It"!

GARY/GINGER

That's right! We will be playing all kinds of fun games and spinning the wheel to win big prizes, but we are doing it all with a Christmas twist!

HIGGINS

(Gesturing to self, proud of outfit) As everyone can probably tell by our Christmas attire!

GARY/GINGER

(Proud of outfit) I think we look great, Higgins. Speaking of looking great, I am gonna need you to do me a great big favor.

HIGGINS

What's that, Gary/Ginger?

GARY/GINGER

Every year for Christmas, my great Aunt Jemima makes her signature fruitcake. And it's the worst thing ever. So I need you to save me from having to eat that fruitcake this year.

HIGGINS

I don't understand, Gary/Ginger. What exactly do you want me to do?

GARY/GINGER

It would be the greatest if you could find someone to go to my great aunt's house in my place. *(Very obviously hinting)* I don't know....someone who has some game show experience, who knows me well enough to do something for me, someone whose name starts with an H...

HIGGINS

Oh no! I cannot take your place and save you from eating your great aunt Jemima's fruitcake. *(Making excuses)* I'm gonna be sick! No, I have homework! No, the dog ate my homework, so I have to walk the dog!

ACT TWO: Bah-HUMbug (Bible Story)

GARY/GINGER

Tell ya what! I'll let you think about it until the end of the show, and then I'll see if you change your mind. Until then, we should let our live studio audience know what's happening today on "Spin It to Win It"! First off, we have a great Christmas game we love to play called Bah-HUMbug!

HIGGINS

That game is BAH-reathtakingly awesome!

GARY/GINGER

Then, since it's our holiday edition, we will have a game the whole audience can play BEFORE we choose our contestants.

HIGGINS

Woah woah woah! We're really mixing things up!

GARY/GINGER

And then of course, we'll choose some contestants to come up and play a game to compete for a chance to spin it to win it!

HIGGINS

Merry Christmas to US, Gary/Ginger! This whole day is like one giant Christmas present wrapped up and given to me! Let's get started!

GARY/GINGER

Here's how we play the first game. I have three cards for you. On each card, there is the name of a song. I don't know what is written on these cards. In this game, you will HUM the tune to these songs. I will try to guess what the name of the song is. If I guess all three in one minute, we win!

(To audience) And if you know the answer before I do, feel free to shout it out!

GARY/GINGER gives **HIGGINS** the **Bah-HUMbug Cards**.

GARY/GINGER (cont'd)

We'll get the timer ready to go. Higgins, how are your humming skills?

HIGGINS

(Humming) Hm hmmm hm hmmm!

GARY/GINGER

Sounds great! I think our timer is ready so let's all count it down together. Ready? 3...2...1...GO!

FADER LOW: Acting Music *(as necessary for Humming on stage)* *(from iTunes/iPod)*

FIRE: SITWI ES Wk3 LG One Minute Timer

HIGGINS

(Looking at first card - AWAY IN A MANGER) Hm hmmm hm hm hmmhmm hm hmm hm hm hmmm.

GARY/GINGER

(Tapping head) Ooh, oh, oh I've heard this song. I know it! Something about baby Jesus....laying down His sweet head...AWAY IN A MANGER!

HIGGINS

Right! *(Tosses first card and reads from second card - JOY TO THE WORLD)* Hm hmmm hm hm hmmmhm hm hm hm hmmm.

GARY/GINGER

(Confused) Uhhhh....Call Me Maybe?

HIGGINS

NO! *(Humming louder and more exaggerated)* HMMMMMM HM HM HMMMMMM HM HM HM HMMMMMMMM!

GARY/GINGER

Oh, of course! Joy to the World!

CHORUS: Jesus came to what? SAVE!
Jesus came to what? SAVE!

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

FADER Up: Acting Music (from iTunes/iPod)

LIGHTS AT 100%

GARY/GINGER and **HIGGINS** put away *Shutta Shades*.

ACT THREE: Worship Song

HIGGINS

That was fresh!

GARY/GINGER

It was, Higgins. It was fresh. And now that we all have our dancing warmed up, it's time for the whole audience to play a game!

HIGGINS

Great! I love it when we all get to play!

GARY/GINGER

Some of you might be new to our show today, so I want to explain. We are going to play a song and you will see different motions on the screen. Doing the motions will win us points. At the end of the song, if we win a new high score, everyone will get a prize before they leave!

(To audience) Everyone stand up and get ready to dance! Follow the motions on the screen and let's win a new high score!

GARY/GINGER and **HIGGINS** follow along with dance moves during song.

FADER DOWN: Acting Music (from iTunes/iPod)

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_We Win

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

FADER UP: Acting Music (from iTunes/iPod)

HIGGINS

(Out of breath) We did it! We got a new high score! *(To kids)* You guys can sit back down now.

GARY/GINGER

Then everyone gets a prize! We won't know what the prize is until we play our final game and our contestants spin it to win it. And I know everyone wants to find out what the prize is going to be, so let's play!

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

ACT FOUR: Save the Christmas Cookies (Game)

HIGGINS

Super!

GARY/GINGER

Higgins, will you please choose four contestants from our live studio audience who want to play a game?

HIGGINS

You know it! *(Going out into audience)* Who wants to play? Who wants to play? *(Chooses 4 contestants)*

PLAY: Contestant Music *(from iTunes/iPod)*

GARY/GINGER

(While Higgins is in audience) That means it's time for me to do my waiting dance! *(Does a little dance until Higgins comes back)*

HIGGINS brings four kids on stage. While **GARY/GINGER** is introducing contestants, **HIGGINS** brings **container** with game supplies onto stage *(includes cookies (20), plates (2), oven mitts (4), chef hats (2), and aprons (2))*.

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo_Clap

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

GARY/GINGER

(Introducing first contestant) Tell us your name and which gift you would like to get for Christmas: being saved from doing homework for a year OR being saved from eating vegetables for a year?

(Allow child to respond, repeat for each contestant)

Well today, each of you will be busy saving something very important to Christmas...COOKIES! So it's time to play "Save the Christmas Cookies"! Let's find out how!

FADER DOWN: Contestant Music *(from iTunes/iPod)*

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Game_Video

An average of 102 cookies are dropped on the floor each year. In today's game you must save the cookies from that fate. Here's how to play, "Save the Christmas Cookies". Two teams of two will save as many cookies as possible as Contestant #1 tosses cookies onto Contestant #2's Christmas Cookie Plate. The team who has saved the most cookies after thirty seconds is the winner. It is time to Save the Christmas Cookies.

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

PLAY: Game Music *(from iTunes/iPod)*

FADER UP: Game Music (from iTunes/iPod)

While **GARY/GINGER** is talking, **HIGGINS** makes sure kids are assembled correctly and set up in the right places on stage.

GARY/GINGER

Ok contestants, here's what you're going to do. _____ and _____ will be on a team together and _____ and _____ will be on a team together. One person from each team will be the baker, and the other person will be the catcher. The baker for each team will wear these (place **chef hat** and **oven mitts** on one person from each team). And the catcher will need to wear this (place **apron** on other person from each team & give each catcher a **plate**).

Bakers will stand here next to these warm, delicious Christmas cookies (Get bakers from each team in place beside stack of **cookies**). And catchers will stand over here (about 3 feet away, depending on age of kids) and get ready to save the Christmas cookies! (Get catchers in place--no backs should be to audience.)

Bakers, when the audience says, "Go" toss as many cookies as you can on to your partner's plate. At the end of thirty seconds, whoever has saved the most cookies will be the winner!

Bakers are you ready? (Allow bakers to respond) Catchers are you ready? (Allow catchers to respond) Okay then, let's get this game started! Ready? 3...2...1...GO!

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_30 Second Timer

GARY/GINGER and **HIGGINS** facilitate game with kids.

HIGGINS

(Eating one of the cookies, talking with mouth full) That was great, Gary/Ginger!

GARY/GINGER

It was so great! I loved seeing them save the Christmas Cookies! It looks like _____ and _____ are the winners! But our other two contestants aren't going home empty handed!

HIGGINS gives a **small candy prize** to each losing contestant and allow them to take seats.

HIGGINS

So Gary/Ginger, do we finally get to find out what prize everyone goes home with today?

GARY/GINGER

We do! Let's have _____ and _____ ...

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo_STW Voice Over

GARY/GINGER & HIGGINS & KIDS

SPIN THAT WHEEL!

AUTO ADVANCE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Logo

GARY/GINGER

Contestants, all you have to do is take a running start and jump on our giant spinner button. _____ will go first and then _____ will go right after to keep the spinner spinning! Whatever prize the spinner lands on is the one we all get.

HIGGINS

That sounds fun, Gary/Ginger! *(To contestants)* Are you ready? *(Get them lined up to jump)* Go!

Kids jump on trampoline.

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Spinner

PLAY: Acting Music *(from iTunes/iPod)*

HIGGINS

Oooooohhhhhh presents! I love presents! And I love games! And I love Spin It to Win It Holiday Edition!

GARY/GINGER

I'm excited, too, Higgins! And our contestants seemed very excited to save those Christmas Cookies from hitting the ground! Great job, _____ and _____!

HIGGINS gives presents to contestants. Allow kids to take seats.

HIGGINS

Wow, Gary/Ginger! This was a full day of Christmas joy on the holiday edition of Spin It to Win It!

GARY/GINGER

It was so much fun! It's time for us to sign off for today, but we will be back next week with more Spin It to Win It! Everyone have a great Christmas!

HIGGINS

Bye!

GARY/GINGER and HIGGINS do signature good-bye waves (will repeat each week).

LIGHTS DOWN

PAUSE: Acting Music *(from iTunes/iPod)*

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_N2K_Teaching Music

LIGHTS AT 100%

Worship leader(s) take stage.

WORSHIP/WRAP UP

WORSHIP LEADER

Did everyone have fun today on the Holiday Edition of "Spin It to Win It"? *(Allow kids to respond)* I LOVE Christmas because we get to celebrate when Jesus came to save us.

Today, we heard a true story from the Bible about the night Jesus was born. Jesus came to the world that first Christmas night to save us from our sin, or all the wrong things we do. After the shepherds saw that Jesus had been born, they went and told everyone that Jesus had come to save us. And that's what we need to know today!

Everyone stand up and say this with me: **Jesus Came to Save Us!**

*Optional Motions: **Jesus Came** (point up) **to Save Us!** (Extend arms out to sides - like cross)*

You got it! I had so much fun hanging out with all of you today! I'll see you next time!

(Dismiss kids)

FIRE: SITWI_ES_Wk3_LG_Outro

Volunteers hand out *Presents* to kids as they leave Large Group.