



Need to Know:

Jesus Came

(pretend to rock baby)

To Save Us!

(stretch arms out to sides – like a cross)

Bible Story:

Jesus is Born & Shepherds and Angels

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

Materials:

- ▼ Spinner
- ▼ Bible Story Page
- ▼ Flappers
- ▼ Cookies
- ▼ Coloring Sheets
- ▼ Crayons
- ▼ Filler Guide
- ▼ Christmas Presents
(if not handed out in Large Group)

Get Their Attention! (5 minutes)

Materials: Spinner

INTRODUCE yourself & the kids by saying:

Hey everyone! Merry Christmas, and welcome to the holiday edition of “Spin It to Win It”, the game show series where we’re playing awesome games and finding out more about Jesus!

Let’s take turns spinning this spinner. When the spinner stops, if it’s pointing to you, tell us your name and a gift you would be excited to get this Christmas!

INTRODUCE kids to what we are learning today:

Thousands of years ago on the very first Christmas, God sent you the best gift ever—His Son Jesus! God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to save us!

That’s what we need to know today:

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Bible Story (7 min)

Materials: Bible Story Page, Flapper

READ and **FOLLOW** instructions on the **Bible Story Page**.

After the story, **ASK**:

1. **Who was born in the stable: Buddy the Elf or Jesus?** (Jesus)
2. **What good news did the angel bring to the shepherds: that they could Spin It to Win It or that Jesus, the Savior of the world, was born?** (That Jesus, the Savior of the world, was born)
3. **Let me tell you why God sent Jesus to save us!**

GIVE each child a **Flapper**. **READ** the **Flapper** as kids follow along.

After reading the **Flapper**, **SAY**:

At Christmas we celebrate how God sent Jesus to save us! So let’s say this together!

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ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING**:

Heavenly father, thank you so much for sending Jesus to save us. Jesus is the best gift you could ever give to us! We love you! In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Kids can take their **Flappers** home!

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will place a cookie on their foreheads and then try to catch it in their mouths and SAVE it from hitting the ground. They will be reminded that Jesus came to SAVE us.

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Questions:

1. **In Large Group, what did Gary want Higgins to save him/her from?** (Eating fruitcake)
2. **What did Jesus save us from?** (The punishment for the wrong things we've done called sin)
3. **Are there any fun Christmas games you like to play?**
4. **Will you come back next week for another episode of "Spin It to Win It"?**

Application Activity (5 min)

Materials: Cookies

1. Tell kids that we're going to celebrate how Jesus came to save us by playing "Save the Cookies".
2. Allow kids to sit in a circle.
3. Give each child ONE **Cookie**, but don't let kids eat cookies yet!
4. Kids will balance the cookie on their foreheads. Then, moving the muscles in their faces, they will move the **cookie** down their faces and try to catch it in their mouths.
 - ▼ If cookies hit the ground, give kids a new one.
5. Kids should keep trying until they get their cookie in their mouths.
6. The first child to get their cookie into their mouth without using their hands is the winner!
7. While kids eat their **cookies**, **SAY:**

Think about how hard you tried to save your cookie! God did something even harder – He sent His Son, Jesus, to save US!

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Wrap It Up (3 min)

Materials: Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Guide, Christmas Presents

PASS OUT coloring sheets and **crayons**. **USE Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group. While kids are coloring, **ASK** the questions on left.

BE SURE each child has received his/her **Christmas Present** before leaving. This may happen in Large Group.