



Get Their Attention! (5 minutes)

Materials: Gingerbread House Game Piece

WELCOME kids to the Goody Gumdrops Game. **EXPLAIN** that when we play the Goody Gumdrops Game we will all WIN as we sing songs, hear sweet stories & learn about Jesus!

INTRODUCE & PASS Gingerbread House Game Piece by saying:

If you have ever made a Gingerbread House, clap as fast as you can! (Allow responses.)

When this Gingerbread House comes to you, tell us your name in your sweetest voice. (Kids will **PASS** Gingerbread House & introduce themselves to group.)

AFTER all kids have been introduced, **SAY & DO** the following:

Today we are celebrating a VERY special birthday. Do you know whose birthday it is? (Allow responses.)

We are celebrating Jesus's birthday! That's what Christmas is all about! Jesus is God's Son and He was the most special baby ever!

Let's all say what we Need to Know today:

Jesus Is (point up)

God's Son! (pretend to rock baby)

Make It Matter (7 min)

Materials: Christmas Puppets, Stables (Library Pockets), Bible Story Picture Cards

1. **EXPLAIN** to kids that they are going to get to act out the story as you read it aloud.
2. **GIVE** each child **ONE SET** of **Christmas Puppets** (each set contains 5 puppets) and **ONE Stable** (Library Pocket).
3. **READ** "Jesus Is Born" from **Bible Story Picture Cards**, following prompts to help kids act out story using **Puppets & Stable**.
4. After reading, **LEAD** group in singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus!

Wrap It Up (3 min)

Materials: Hand Sanitizer, Christmas Snacks, Decorations, Coloring Utensils, Christmas Filler Guide

PRAY with your group, having them repeat the following after you in short phrases.

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to be born! Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray, amen!

SANITIZE hands with **hand sanitizer** & **PASS OUT Christmas Snacks**.

Allow kids to **DECORATE** their stables using **decorations** and **coloring utensils**.

USE Christmas Filler Guide to keep kids engaged for the remainder of small group.

Need to Know:

Jesus Is

(point up)

God's Son!

(pretend to rock baby)

Materials:

- * Gingerbread House Game Piece
- * Christmas Puppets
- * Stables (Library Pockets)
- * Bible Story Picture Cards
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Christmas Snacks
- * Decorations
- * Coloring Utensils
- * Christmas Filler Guide

Bible Story Review Questions:

Ask kids the following questions as they eat snack & decorate stables:

- * ***Whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas?*** (Jesus')
- * ***Was Jesus born in a castle or in a stable?*** (In a stable)
- * ***Is Jesus God's Son?*** (Yes) ***That's right!***
Let's all say what we Need to Know together! (Say Need to Know with motions)