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Volunteers

DECEMBER

This month's
BIBLICAL Theme

Jesus is our Savior

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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH WE WILL BE LEARNING...

WEEK
1

The Genealogy of Jesus

(Matthew 1:1-17)

Brite Idea: Jesus brings hope.

WEEK
3

Jesus is Born

(Luke 2:1-7)

Brite Idea: Jesus brings love.

WEEK
2

Joseph and the Angel

(Matthew 1:18-25)

Brite Idea: Jesus brings salvation.

WEEK
4

Shepherds Share the Good News

(Luke 2:8-20)

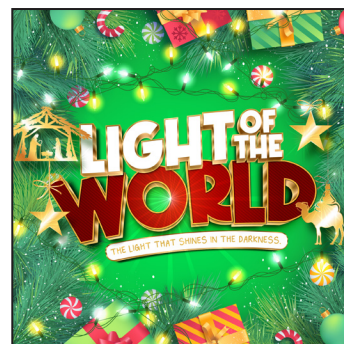
Brite Idea: Jesus brings joy.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

Unto you is born this day a Savior.

(LUKE 2:11)



Preschool PERSPECTIVES

THIS MONTH'S LEADER TRAINING TOPIC IS: PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

Partnering with parents matters because kids learn best when home and ministry are on the same page in reinforcing the same values and faith. This consistency builds trust and connection, showing families that leaders genuinely care about their kids' growth and God's work in their lives. When parents and leaders work together, kids experience a consistent, Gospel-centered environment that helps them thrive spiritually, emotionally and socially.

EMPOWER PARENTS:

Encouragement is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to partner with parents in raising kids who know and love Jesus. Even small gestures of affirmation can help parents feel equipped, valued and supported, reminding them that they are not alone as disciplinarians. When leaders take time to notice and share positive moments, it strengthens both the parent-kid bond and the preschooler's faith.

1. **Celebrate wins often.** A quick text or note about a kid's kindness, curiosity or new skill encourages parents and reinforces God's work in their home.
2. **Highlight growth, not perfection.** Pointing out small steps (like sharing toys or praying at snack time) helps parents see progress, not just challenges.
3. **Model partnership, not judgment.** Words of encouragement communicate that you are a co-laborer, not a critic, and invite parents into the ministry of their kid's faith.
4. **Connect to God's story.** Remind parents that every moment of growth reflects God's grace and that your encouragement points them to His delight in their kids.

SHOW UP:

Partnering with parents goes beyond Sunday morning. When you intentionally make time to show up at events that matter to kids like tee-ball games, ballet recitals or school programs, it communicates that their experiences and their lives are valued. Attending these moments strengthens relationships, builds trust with families and shows kids that what matters to them matters to you and ultimately matters to Jesus!

1. **Be present, not performative.** A quick cheer, wave or word of encouragement goes a long way in showing real care.
2. **Notice effort over outcome.** Celebrate kids for trying their best, learning a new skill or practicing faithfully, reflecting God's delight in their perseverance.
3. **Encourage parents through your presence.** Being there demonstrates support for their parenting and opens doors for natural conversations about faith.
4. **Connect moments to God's story.** Use opportunities to affirm God's joy in their gifts, talents and growing hearts, showing that His love follows them everywhere.

Preschool PERSPECTIVES

EQUIP PARENTS:

Partnering with parents means equipping them with resources that make the work of raising kids both practical and Gospel-centered. Sharing books, podcasts, devotionals or simple at-home activities helps parents feel empowered by you as their ministry partner and connected to what their kids are learning in kids' ministry. Resource tools reinforce spiritual growth, model healthy rhythms and show that leaders are invested in the family's journey beyond Sunday.

1. **Offer accessible and practical resources.** Recommend short devotionals, podcasts, or age-appropriate books that parents can use during the week.
2. **Highlight everyday moments.** Suggest ways to turn bedtime, mealtime or playtime into opportunities for faith conversations.
3. **Encourage consistency, not perfection.** Resources are meant to guide and inspire, helping parents see small wins as significant steps in discipleship.
4. **Connect resources to church lessons.** When parents see alignment between home and ministry, kids experience faith as integrated and alive.
5. **Celebrate parent effort.** Share encouragement when parents engage with tools, reminding them that God delights in every intentional step they take.

MAKE IT PERSONAL:

Handwritten, customized notes are a simple yet powerful way to connect with kids and their parents. Taking the time to celebrate a milestone, encourage effort or simply say "we're thinking of you" communicates care, builds trust and reinforces the partnership between home and ministry. Personalized notes show that each kid and family is seen, valued and celebrated as part of God's story.

1. **Be specific and meaningful.** Highlight a kid's recent effort, curiosity or kindness and connect it to God's work in their life.
2. **Include encouragement for parents.** A note can reaffirm the parent's influence, effort, and faithfulness, helping them feel supported in their role.
3. **Make it personal, not generic.** A few thoughtful sentences tailored to the kid's personality or family circumstances mean more than a standard message.
4. **Model Gospel-centered encouragement.** Each note can point families to the fact that God rejoices in both their kids and their parenting, building joy and confidence in the home as they work to be disciple makers.

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THIS MONTH'S UNIT THEME IS: *Light of the World*

This month, we celebrate the wonder of Christmas and the beautiful truth that Jesus is our Savior. The God of the universe humbled Himself to come into the world as a baby, bringing hope, salvation, love and joy to all people. Just as Christmas lights shine brightly in the darkness, Jesus came to shine His light into a broken world and show us the greatest love of all.

Check out our Pinterest page for decorating ideas:

<https://www.pinterest.com/britecurriculum/light-of-the-world/>

BRITE in Action

Invite families to help shine the light of Jesus by participating in a Christmas giving drive. Provide simple options like donating new toys, books or supplies to fill shoeboxes, donate to a shelter or selecting tags from an Angel Tree to shop for specific kids. Create a warm, festive collection area filled with Christmas lights and reminders that every gift represents the hope, love, joy and salvation Jesus brings.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:

Thank your team this month for being shining lights in your ministry! Give each volunteer a Christmas ornament that ties into the Christmas story like stars, light bulbs or nativity scenes. Consider adding a scripture like John 8:12 or Luke 2:11 to remind them that Jesus is the true light of the world. This small gift becomes something they can hang on their tree year after year and remember the impact they've made.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PRINTABLE: *Light of the World*

PREP: Print the printable page on cardstock and cut out.

*For unto you is born this day in
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Luke 2:11*

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