

CHRIST

Share the Gift

When Jesus was born, the news was too good to keep quiet. Angels appeared to startle the shepherds, proclaiming: "The Savior is here!" They didn't just hear it—they had to go see it. And once they did, they couldn't help but tell others.

Today, it's easy to assume people can learn about Jesus on their own. There's no shortage of information. But knowing *about* someone isn't the same as knowing *them*.

Think of it this way: if you admired a famous athlete and found out your friend actually knew them, wouldn't you ask a million questions? "What are they like?" "Are they kind?" "What do they love?" That's the difference that relationship makes.

The same is true with Jesus. If you know Him, you can describe Him personally—what He means to you, why you follow Him, how He's changed your life. That kind of sharing makes people curious to know Him too.

This Christmas, think about someone in your life who might need to meet the Jesus you know. A gift, a conversation, or a church invite could open the door.

Jesus is too special to keep to ourselves. He is the gift God gave the world—to save us. And that kind of gift is meant to be shared.

Discussion Questions

- Let's start with Christmas gifts.
 - Can you think of a gift that your whole family shares after it's opened?
 - (Examples: board games, treats, puzzles, movies, toys everyone ends up using.)
 - What makes something a "shareable" gift?
- Have you ever seen someone open a gift that you really wanted?
 - How did that feel?
 - What would it have meant to you if they had shared it—or even given it to you?
 - (Leader tip: Use this to help the group imagine the joy of sharing Jesus with others—He's a gift that blesses more when shared.)
- Let's talk about sharing Jesus.
 - Can you think of a time when you shared something about Jesus with a friend, classmate, or someone else?
 - What did you say, and how did they respond?
 - (Leader tip: If no one answers right away, offer a simple example, like praying for a friend or telling someone "Jesus loves you.")
- We can share Jesus in many ways.
 - What are some different ways to help others know about Him—besides just inviting them to church?
 - (Examples: showing kindness, giving a gift, saying a prayer for someone, sharing your story, encouraging words.)
 - Which of these feels easiest or most natural to you?
- Think back to when you first learned about Jesus.
 - Who introduced you to Him?
 - What did you learn about Him at first?
 - How has your understanding of Jesus changed or grown since then?

Activity: Jesus is Worth Sharing

Create an Invitation to Meet Jesus

Objective: Help children understand that Jesus is a gift worth sharing—and give them a way to express that in a creative and personal way.

Instructions:

1. Set the Scene:

Ask the group to imagine they've been asked to design a special invitation to meet Jesus—God's greatest gift to the world.

2. Ask Questions to Spark Ideas:

- What would the event be like?
- Would it be a banquet, a birthday party, a quiet tea, a royal ball?
- Who would be there? What would the atmosphere feel like?

3. Create the Invitation:

Pass out markers, stickers, crayons, and paper—or use the printable "You're Invited!" template we'll provide. Let kids fill it in with:

- An event name (like "Dinner with the King" or "The Savior's Banquet")
- Why Jesus is worth meeting
- What they'd want someone to know about Him

4. Reflect Together:

After they've finished, ask:

- Who would you want to give your invitation to?
- Why do you think they'd love to meet Jesus?