



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Celebration • Week 1 • Celebrate Jesus



Emcee Leads



Small Group Leader Leads



Video Leads



Countdown Timer

5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids



3 min

Small Group Welcome

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **If you got to start a new holiday, what would it be?**



1 min

Theme Song

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in



30 sec

Emcee Intro Konnection

Focus your small group on emcee



1 min

Rules Video

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video



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Emcee Giving Konnection

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90 sec

Offering Teaching Video

Focus your small group on the video • Follow campus procedure to collect offering



1 min

Worship Teaching Video

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to



≈ 6 min

Worship Music Videos

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- Christmas Medley



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Emcee Activity Konnection

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9 min

Small Group Activity

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	Nothing

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Nothing

To Do

Say: We can celebrate Jesus and His goodness every day in lots of ways! I bet you have favorite ways to celebrate. Let's play a game to see what they are.

1. **Seat** group in a circle, leaving a little space between each kid.
2. **Read** one of the ways to celebrate Jesus from the list on the back of this guide. **Example:** Trade places if you would like to celebrate Jesus ... with a pizza party!
3. Kids who agree with the statement **raise their hand**.
4. All kids with raised hands **get up and trade places** with someone else who also agreed with the statement and have their hand raised.
5. If only one kid agreed, they **run around the circle** and take their original seat.
6. **Play** as long as time allows.



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Konnnect HQ Teaching Show

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Konnnect HQ ABCs

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Emcee Wrap-Up Konnection

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≈ 10 min

Small Group Talk & Prayer

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point: Celebrate Jesus in a special way, every day.

Review the Verse: *Find Bibles* in room. **Look up** verse together. **Talk about** what's different and/or the same if in-room Bible is a different translation.

Philippians 4:4 NIRV Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. ...

- What do you think this Bible verse is talking about?

Choose a question to get your group talking:

- What do you like about celebrating?
- Talk about some special things your family does to celebrate.
- What are some things you can celebrate every single day?
- What are some loud ways and some quiet ways you can celebrate God?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Play** a game like *Rock, Paper, Scissors* or *I Spy*.

Leader Tip

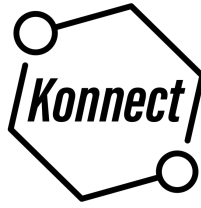
If a kid wants to discuss something personal, let them. No pressure to ask every question. Building relationships and sharing your wisdom are more important.



≈ 10 min

Check Out

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends



TRADE PLACES IF ... ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT CELEBRATION // WEEK 1 // CELEBRATE JESUS

Trade places if you would like to celebrate Jesus ...

- With a pizza party
- By singing
- By playing with your pets
- By wearing something fun
- By praying
- By eating a special cake
- By making some noise
- By going somewhere special
- By playing sports
- With a dance party
- By reading your favorite Bible story
- With your friends
- By doing cartwheels
- By writing or drawing
- By taking lots of pictures
- By saying a special Bible verse
- By hugging your family
- By giving high fives
- By taking a walk
- By making up songs
- With ice cream
- Every single day!



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Celebration • Week 2 • God Celebrates



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- **Talk about** welcome question: **Describe your favorite Christmas ornament.**



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Small Group Activity

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You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Coin 1 Opaque cup
Per Group	Nothing

After Activity

Kids Keep	Their coin
You Keep	All cups (save to reuse)

To Do

Say: If you had a super expensive gold coin, and you lost it, you'd look everywhere for it! And you'd celebrate when you found it, right? Let's play a game about that.

1. **Seat** kids in a circle and **place** a cup upside down in front of each kid.
2. **Give** each kid a coin.
3. **Choose** a kid to "lose their coin."
4. All the other kids **close their eyes**.
5. The chosen kid **secretly hides their coin** under one kid's cup.
6. Kids **open eyes**.
7. **Choose** a kid to **guess** which cup the coin is under.
 - **If the guesser is right**, the coin's owner gets their coin back, and the group **celebrates**.
 - **If the guesser is wrong**, pick another kid to guess.

Say: Celebrating with you is fun! There's something God celebrates even more than that: when a person chooses to follow Jesus. God loves us so much!

8. **As time allows**, repeat steps 3-7, choosing a different kid to "lose their coin" each round. Let all kids have a coin to keep, even if they didn't have time for a turn.



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Review the Point: When people turn away from sin, God celebrates with them.

Review the Verse: *Find Bibles in room. Look up verse together. **Talk about what's different and/or the same if in-room Bible is a different translation.***

Luke 15:10 NIRV "... There is joy in heaven over one sinner who turns away from sin."

- Which part of this Bible verse stands out to you most?

Choose a question to get your group talking:

- What do you think God likes about celebrating?
- What do you think it's like to be in Heaven when God and all His angels celebrate?
- What do you think God is happy about when someone chooses to follow Jesus?
- Share some ways you could celebrate someone who chooses to follow Jesus.

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Play** a game like *Thumb Wars* or *Telephone*.

Leader Tip

Discussion time quiet? Try this! Let kids pick which questions they'd like to discuss together.



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No activity supplement needed for this week.



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Celebration • Week 3
Happy Birthday, Jesus



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- **Talk about** welcome question: **What are the best songs to play at a birthday party?**



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You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Blindfold
Per Group	1 Star-shaped sticky note pad 1 4-foot strip of butcher paper 1 Set of markers Sticky tack (as needed)

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Blindfolds, markers, leftover blank sticky notes, and sticky tack (<i>save to reuse</i>) Butcher paper and used sticky notes (<i>throw away or recycle</i>)

To Do

Say: Let's decorate a Christmas tree to celebrate what we love about Christmas! But—you'll have to do it blindfolded!

1. **Give** each kid a few sticky notes and a blindfold.
2. Kids **create** ornaments: they **draw or write** things they love about Christmas on each sticky note.
3. While kids work, **draw** a huge outline of a Christmas tree on the butcher paper and **hang** it on a nearby wall using the sticky tack. (*See back for ideas.*)
4. Kids **take turns** decorating the tree: When it's a kid's turn, they **put on** their blindfold, **spin 5 times**, and **try to put 1 ornament** on the tree.
5. **Repeat step 4** until each kid has at least one turn.
6. **As time allows, continue repeating step 4** until all kids have enough turns to put all their ornaments on the tree.



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Review the Point: Christmas is a birthday party for Jesus our King!

Review the Verse: *Find Bibles in room. Look up verse together. Talk about what's different and/or the same if in-room Bible is a different translation.*

John 3:16 NIRV "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. ..."

- Close your eyes and listen to this Bible verse. What thoughts or feelings do you have when you hear it?

Choose a question to get your group talking:

- What do you think is important to celebrate on Christmas?
- What do you think makes people want to celebrate Jesus being born?
- What are some different ways people celebrate Jesus being born?
- What can help you remember Jesus at Christmas?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Play** a game like *Charades* or *Duck, Duck, Goose*.

Leader Tip

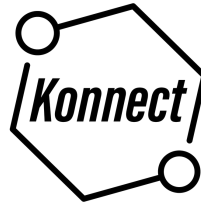
Be a welcoming pro! Christmas means new faces. Help kids learn names and routines. Use their names, too!



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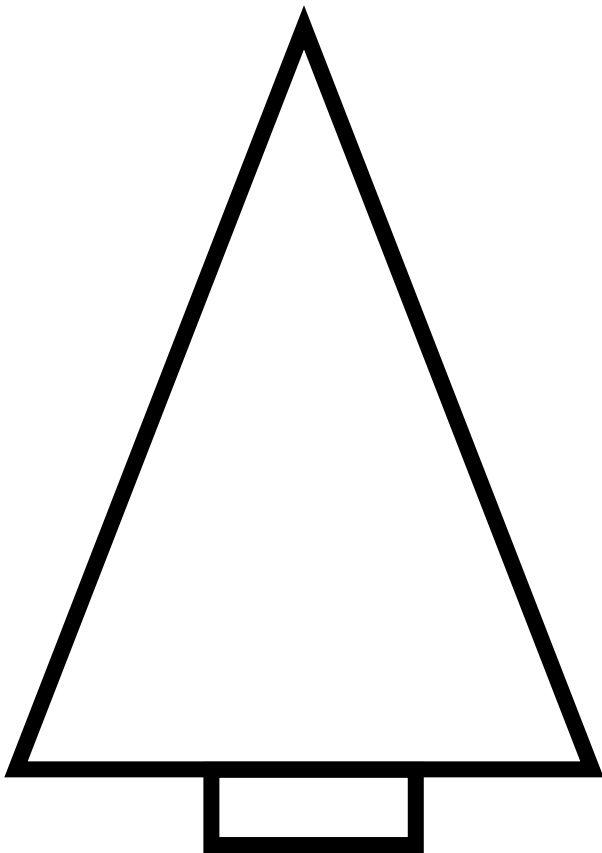
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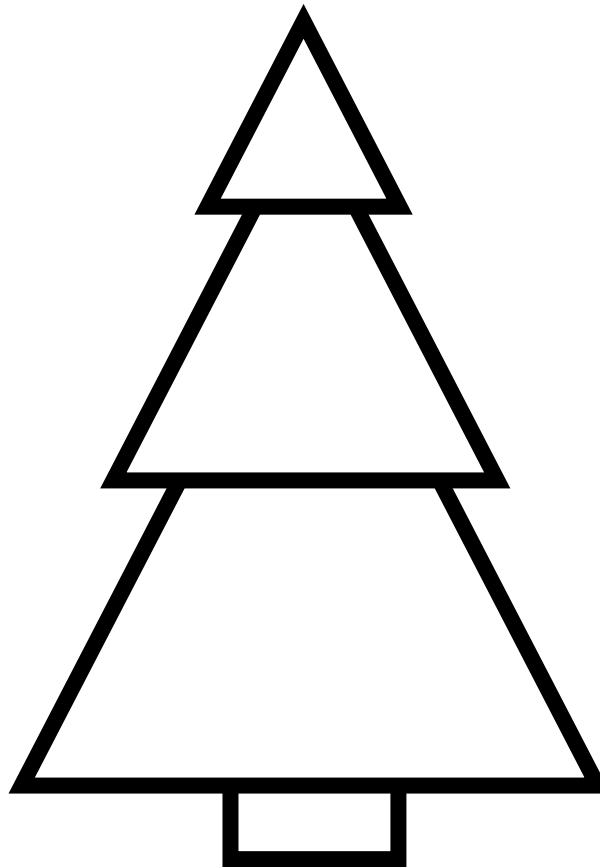
CHRISTMAS TREE IDEAS ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT CELEBRATION // WEEK 3 // HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

NOTE: If there isn't enough wall space available to hang your tree, you can have two kids hold up the tree. Or, you can place the tree on the ground and have kids bend down to try to place their ornament star on it.

Tree Idea 1



Tree Idea 2



Tree Idea 3

