

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

The Greatest Gift

Set up: Print one "Greatest Gift Template" on 8½ x 11 cardstock for each kid.

Say: We get so many awesome gifts during Christmas, but none of them come close to being as awesome as Jesus! We're going to make a gift right now that will help us remember our Bible story and verse. When it's finished, you can take it home and open it with your family on Christmas morning so that they can hear about the greatest gift too.

Directions: Give each kid in your group a "Greatest Gift Template" along with some scissors and markers or crayons. Help the kids follow the directions on the template in order to cut out, color, and create their own story box. When finished, the box will look like a present on the outside, while the inside will have the four-story pictures that help them remember the Christmas story and Bible verse (John 3:16.) Ask the kids to recount the Christmas story and Bible verse using the pictures. When finished, have the kids fold and tape the box closed as per the instructions. Encourage the kids to take their "present" home and to open it with their family on Christmas morning. They can use the pictures inside to share the Christmas story and verse with their family. When they're finished, ask them the question below.

Note: If you don't have enough scissors for all of the kids to cut at once, have some kids color first and then cut the box out.

Question: It's so easy to get excited about opening Christmas presents and forget what Christmas is really about. If you could create a new tradition with your family that would help you remember the real reason for Christmas, what would it be?