



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Who Needs Christmas? / Week 1

PRELUDE

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BOTTOM LINE

The entire world needs Christmas.

SCRIPTURE

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2 NIV).

"But when the set time had fully come . . ."
(Galatians 4:4 NIV).

"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you . . . You have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." (Luke 1:28b, 30b-33 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that even when God seems silent, He is still working and can be trusted.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—in a student's life, even a short period of God's silence can feel like 400 years. Give them perspective without diminishing any discouraging situations they're facing.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are you looking forward to the most heading into this Christmas season?
2. What's the thing you find most remarkable about the Christmas story?
3. Why do you think a period of God's silence is recorded in the Bible?
4. Are there any situations in your life right now where God feels silent or distant?
5. What would you tell someone who feels like God is silent in their life right now?
6. What's one way you can remind yourself that God is working, even when He feels silent in your world?

TRY THIS

Leaders—text your students this week and ask them if there's an area where God feels silent. Let them know the ways you'll be praying for them in that situation.