



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Who Needs Christmas? / Week 2

PRELUDE

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BOTTOM LINE

God needed Christmas to demonstrate His love.

SCRIPTURE

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship" (Galatians 4:4-5 NIV).

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that Christmas proves to us how far God will go to demonstrate His love for us.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—at this phase high schoolers are developing a faith of their own. And while they understand what we celebrate during the holidays, they don't always understand why. They know the Christmas story, but they may need your help making the connection between baby Jesus, risen Jesus and what that means for them personally.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who do you spend the most time with during Christmas break?
2. We said that God didn't just want people to behave—He wanted people to know Him. Why do we tend to think that God cares more about our behavior than anything else?
3. What makes it difficult for many people to believe that God loves them?
4. Why do you think Jesus demonstrated His love instead of just telling us about it?
5. When are you most likely to feel like God doesn't love you? How can it be helpful in those moments to remember that Jesus demonstrated His love?
6. What's one way you can demonstrate your gratitude for God's love this week? (*Talking to Him, serving others, being generous*)

TRY THIS

Leaders—just after group, text your students something like "It was great seeing you all this week. I realize a lot of us grew up celebrating Christmas but maybe this is your first time understanding what it means for you personally. If you want to talk about that more or are interested in beginning a relationship with Jesus, I'd love to talk about that with you. Just let me know!"