

“Songs of Christmas” - LESSON 1

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Main Focus:

We must tell others about our Savior!



Power Verse:

“...‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.’”
- Mark 16:15



Whatchagaddaknow:
“I Will Tell The World About Jesus!”

LEADER’S INFO

The shepherds were the very first to hear about the birth of our Savior. They ran to see this baby that had been born in Bethlehem that would save the people from their sins.

Once they had laid eyes on the baby, Jesus, they wasted no time telling others the good news. “After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.”

This is exactly what each of us must do when it comes to Jesus. Just like the old song says, we must “Go Tell It On The Mountain” that Jesus Christ is born!

In this lesson, your kids will learn the importance of telling others about the most important baby ever born - Jesus Christ, our Savior.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Songs of the Season”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Hank Hornmaster”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Name That Christmas Carol”



Bible Story

“The Angles Visit The Shepherds”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 1 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Hank Hornmaster” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “Name That Christmas Carol” Graphic

- CD Player/MP3 Player/Sound System

- Several Christmas Carols

Bible Story

- “The Angels Visit The Shepherds” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Go Tell It On The Mountain” Graphics

- A Globe

- A Piece Of Paper With The Title “JOB DESCRIPTION”

- Youtube Video Of “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video

- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Pictures Print Piece

- Cotton Balls

- Two Bowls

- Plastic Spoons

- Two Blindfolds

- A Way To Keep Time

- Mark 16:15 Print Piece

- Colored Pencils

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are starting a series! It’s all about the “Songs of Christmas.” There are so many great songs that we sing during Christmas season. Do any of you have a favorite? *(allow kids to respond and share what their favorite Christmas song is)*

Those are all great songs! You know, although there are literally hundreds of songs that are specifically about the Christmas season, there are some songs that hold a little more meaning than others. To find out a little more about what I am talking about, I want you to watch this video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)

Leader: The “Songs of Christmas” are all super fun, but the ones that talk about Jesus are the most important. That’s why we are learning from the song, “Go Tell It On The Mountain.” We are learning how we must all tell others about the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

We will learn all about that today. Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Hank Hornmaster” *(A children’s choir director who is having many challenges with certain children in the choir as they prepare for their Christmas concert. He is somewhat of a music nerd and dresses in a festive manner.)*

Hank: Hello! Merry Christmas! Oh, I can’t believe ‘tis the season” already! I’m excited, but also very nervous! Choir rehearsals have begun. Got to start early if we’re going to nail this thing on Christmas Eve!

Leader: Hello and welcome! Who might you be?

Hank: Oh, sorry. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Hank Hornmaster. I’m in charge of leading one of the largest children’s Christmas choirs in the town. It’s all I think about! It’s my passion. I love Christmas, and I love Christmas music! I listen to Christmas music all year long.

Leader: All year long? In the summer?

Hank: Christmas music!

Leader: In the spring?

Hank: Christmas music!

Leader: In the fall?

Hank: *(getting super excited)* More Christmas music! More! More! More!

Leader: I think I know the answer for in the winter... Christmas music?

Hank: 24 hours a day! Morning, noon, and night- even while I sleep! I can’t get enough! *(singing loudly)* OOOH! “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go!”

Leader: Tell me about it. We can’t even get through Thanksgiving without seeing Christmas stuff in the stores and all over TV! I love Christmas, but I don’t focus on it until after Thanksgiving.

Hank: Really? I have nine Christmas trees in my house. They are a constant reminder of how important Christmas is and how important the Christmas Eve Children’s Choir Concert is. But I’m here because I have a problem. I need some advice.

Leader: Sure, how can I help?

Hank: Well, I have this kid that will not stop...

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CHARACTER SKIT *(continued)*

Leader: Singing?

Hank: No, he has no problem with singing. In fact, he is a very good singer. He's always...

Leader: Laughing? Kids love laughing! Let him laugh. It might even add to the concert.

Hank: No, no. It's much worse. In fact, it's gross! This kid will not - I mean he refuses to... *(makes a gross face)* keep his finger out of his nose!

Leader: Haha! Sorry, that's funny! Have you talked to his parents?

Hank: Well, I tried. As I approached them after church a few weeks ago in the parking lot, I noticed that they both had their fingers in their noses! I think it runs in the family!

Leader: Oh my! *(giggling)* Sorry, I'm trying not to laugh. I know this is serious to you.

Hank: Of course it's serious! He has a solo in the song, “Go Tell It On The Mountain.” Am I supposed to tell it from the mountain that I have a kid with his finger up his nose?

Leader: There might not be anything you can do about it. Is he singing the song well?

Hank: Very well indeed!

Leader: Then just let him pick away! It will be over before you know it, and no one will even remember the nose-picking incident. What you want people to remember is that Jesus is God's gift to the world and we should shout about it from the mountain top! Everyone needs to hear about it!

Hank: Well, ok... But I'll tell him that if he pulls anything out of his nose, he needs to keep it to himself! I can't have 100 kids freaking out because they think a booger is going to get put on them.

Leader: I think that would freak me out too! *(shudders)* Ew!

Hank: Well, I need to go focus on our music. So much to do and so little time to do it! Before you know it, it's, “LIGHTS, CAMERAS, SING!” I'm Hank Hornmaster reminding you that *(singing as he leaves)*, “It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go!”

(EXITS WHILE HIS THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Name That Christmas Carol”

Items Needed For Game:

CD Player/MP3 player/Sound system; Several Christmas carols

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Preparation:

Choose an even number of songs to use for this game. Set them up in a playlist so you can easily move from one song to the next.

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How To Play:

Choose three boys and three girls to participate in this game. Tell them that you are going to play ten seconds of a popular Christmas carol. They will have to take turns guessing the name of the carol (or at least be able to sing a bit of the carol to prove they know what carol it is). The team that guesses the most carols correctly is declared the winning team.



Bible Story

“The Angels Visit The Shepherds”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Luke 2; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is from the book of Luke, chapter 2. (*show pic*) It all starts with a group of shepherds taking care of their sheep out in the middle of a field late at night. As you can imagine, they were probably bored as could be. This was something they did a lot. Taking care of sheep can be quite boring sometimes, but they were about to get the surprise of their lives.

(*show pic*) Suddenly, up in the sky, there appeared a huge group of bright, shining angels. They spoke to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. We bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.” The shepherds were amazed by what they saw. Then, the angels began to sing, “Glory to God in the highest!” It was truly an amazing sight.

The angels told the shepherds all about the baby, Jesus, who had just been born in the town of Bethlehem. This baby, Jesus, was the Son of God who had come to Earth to take away the sins of all people. Jesus came to bring peace to the world!

Then, just as quickly as the angels had appeared, they disappeared. The shepherds didn’t know what to make of all of this. (*show pic*) They looked at each other and then said, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened!” They ran as fast as they could until they reached the town of Bethlehem.

The shepherds went straight to the stable where Mary and Joseph were. Mary and Joseph had to stay in the stable because there was no room in the inn. After all, the city was full of people because everyone had traveled there in order to pay their taxes. (*show pic*) The shepherds gathered all around Jesus, the Savior of the World, and worshiped Him.

The Bible says, “After seeing him, the shepherds **told everyone** what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. They knew the news about Jesus’ birth was too good to keep to themselves. They had to “Go Tell It On The Mountain” that Jesus Christ was born!

In your lesson today, you are going to learn the same thing! It is our job as Christians to tell others about Jesus and His amazing love. That’s what Christmas is all about!





Call To Action

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Materials Needed:

The “Go Tell It On The Mountain” graphics; a globe; a piece of paper with the title “JOB DESCRIPTION” typed at the top of it (*for added effect, write a bunch of gibberish in many paragraphs under the main title*); search Youtube and find a video for the song “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Go Tell It On The Mountain”; cue the video of the song and have it ready to play



The Message: (*title slide*)

I am super excited about this series, “Songs of Christmas.” Today, we are learning from a very fun Christmas song called, “Go Tell It On The Mountain.” I know that many of you may not be familiar with this song, so I wanted to share it with you right now. (*play the video of “Go Tell It On The Mountain” you found on Youtube*)

Isn’t that a fun song? It’s not only a great song of Christmas, but it also teaches a very important message. The reason the song says to “Go Tell It On The Mountain” is because the goal is for EVERYONE to hear this important news about how “Jesus Christ is born!” So we need to not just stay where we are and tell one or two people - NO! We need to find the highest mountain, climb it, and shout as loud as we can so EVERYONE can hear the news. After all...



Jesus Came For EVERYONE (*slide*)

(*hold up the globe*) Every person on Earth means the same to God. Jesus came so that EVERY person could be saved from their sins. Whether it is a prince in Europe or a poor child in Africa - God loves them all the same. Whether it is a general in Asia or a trashman in South America, Jesus came for everyone!

We must remember that God loves ALL people the same. He loves kids just as much as He loves adults. He loves poor people who consider themselves “nobodies” as much as He loves kings and queens. Don’t ever think that “important” people deserve Jesus’ love but you don’t. Jesus loves YOU just as much as the most “important” person in the world. To Him, EVERYONE is important. As we celebrate Christmas, let’s celebrate the fact that Jesus loves EVERYONE! Why is that so important? Because...



EVERYONE Needs A Savior (*slide*)

The Bible says in Romans 3:23, “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” That
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Call To Action *(Continued)*

means EVERYONE deserves punishment in Hell forever. After all, that is the price we must pay for sin. But, thankfully, that is why Jesus came to Earth. He came to live a sinless life and pay the price on the cross for us. That's why we call Him our “Savior.” It's because He *saved* us from our sin.

The problem is - so many people in this world do not know about Jesus. They don't know they have a Savior. That is exactly why...

You Must “Go Tell” Others About Jesus *(slide)*



How can the world hear about Jesus if no one tells them? You might hear that and say, “Yeah, but why does it have to be ME? Why can't pastors and evangelists and Sunday School teachers tell others about Jesus? Isn't that enough?

(hold up the piece of paper that says “JOB DESCRIPTION” on it) See this? It's a job description. Whenever someone gets a new job - whether as a lawyer, a secretary, a janitor, whatever - they receive a job description. It describes all of the things they are required to do in their new job. It helps them know what all they need to do in order to fulfill the job they signed up for.

Guess what? As a Christian, YOU have a job description as well. Did you know that? It's true! As a matter of fact, we already heard your job description earlier today. It's found in our PowerVerse. It says, “...‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.’” That is your job description as a Christian.

There are so many people in the world who need to hear about Jesus. You can't leave it up to others to tell them. Instead, YOU have to “Go Tell It On The Mountain” and let everyone know about Jesus' love. Tell them that Jesus Christ was born as a baby but He grew up to become the man who died on the cross for their sins. It's wonderful, good news that we must share with the world!

ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to be excited about telling others about Jesus. Pray for those who need strength and boldness to tell others. Remind them that we know the best news ever - and it is our job to tell others so they know about their Savior!



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Tell The World About Jesus!”

2. Where were the shepherds at the beginning of our Bible Story today?

Answer: Out In The Fields

3. What appeared suddenly to the shepherds while they watched their sheep?

Answer: A Choir Of Angels

4. Who did the angels say had just been born?

Answer: Jesus

5. Were the shepherds allowed to visit the baby, Jesus?

Answer: Yes

6. What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus?

Answer: They Told Everyone

7. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Came For _____.”

Answer: Everyone

8. According to our lesson today, “Everyone Needs A _____.”

Answer: Savior

9. According to our lesson today, “You Must ‘_____’ Others About Jesus.”

Answer: Go Tell

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Mark 16:15