



STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-3)

2-WEEK CHRISTMAS CURRICULUM

TEACHER'S GUIDE

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This Anglican Christmas lesson supports teachers in guiding students in Grades K–3 through the joyful season of Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas is a season of wonder, joy, and thanksgiving. It reminds us that God kept His promises by sending His Son, Jesus, into the world. Through the miracle of the Incarnation, God came to dwell among His people as Emmanuel— “God with us.” During the Christmas season, we rejoice in Christ’s birth and reflect on God’s great love for us. This curriculum offers a simple but meaningful structure for presenting the message of Christmas with clarity, reverence, and joyful engagement. Lessons are Scripture-centered (NKJV), easy to adapt for mixed-age classrooms, and designed to help students understand both the biblical story of Christ’s birth and the significance of Christmas within the Anglican tradition.

Through Bible stories, discussion, crafts, and activities, students will discover that Jesus is God with us, that God faithfully keeps His promises, and that He guides and protects His people. May these lessons deepen their faith and help them celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER GUIDE –

K–3

Class length: 35–40 minutes

The theme of the Christmas Curriculum is: Jesus is Emmanuel-God with Us, and God Protects and Guides Us.

Bible-first language: Every week begins with “This true story comes from the Bible” and ends with “This story is true because it is in the Bible.”

What’s Included:

- Story summary for teacher presentation (created from NKJV of the Bible)
- Discussion questions for Grades K-1 and Grades 2-3
- Optional crafts with complete instructions

Teaching Notes:

- Begin with the **Opening Routine** found at the front of the curriculum.
- Guide students to reflect on the themes of **hope, peace, joy, love, repentance, and watchfulness** throughout the season.
- Encourage reverence, thoughtful discussion, and active participation.
- Close each class with prayer and a review.

Christmas is a season of preparation and promise. As you teach, invite students to consider how God prepares our hearts to receive Christ and how we are called to live as people of hope while we wait for Him. May these lessons deepen their faith and draw them into the beauty and meaning of the Christmas season.

WEEKLY CLASS STRUCTURE (30–40 MINUTES)

1. Opening Routine (5 minutes)

Pledge of Allegiance

The Lord's Prayer

Opening Prayer (short)

Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us learn about Jesus today. Open our hearts and help us grow. Amen.

2. Candle Lighting (3 minutes)

3. Bible Story with visual support (8–10 minutes)

4. Craft Activity (choose ONE) (15–18 minutes)

5. Reinforcement Activity (3–5 minutes)

6. Closing prayer (2 minutes)

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Before teaching the week's lesson, Teachers need to read the Lesson Scripture so that they can tell the story and lead the discussion. Use an NKJV bible or the same bible version used in class.

OPENING ROUTINE

1. ****Pledge of Allegiance****

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

2. ****The Lord's Prayer (Anglican Version) ****

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

3. ****Opening Prayer (Anglican)****

Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us learn about Jesus today. Open our hearts and help us grow. Amen

CLOSING ROUTINE

1. ****Have students clean up all projects and put everything away.**

2. ****Closing Prayer (Anglican)**

Included at the end of each lesson.

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO (RECOMMENDED)

Kindergarten–1st Grade: 1 adult per 4–5 students

2nd–3rd Grade: 1 adult per 6–8 students

For crafts involving cutting, stapling, rice/eggs, or multiple steps, add one extra helper if possible.

GENERAL TEACHING NOTES FOR K-1 AND 2-3

K-1 (Younger)

Keep directions one step at a time.

- Use lots of repetition and call-and-response.
- Pre-cut everything possible.
- Shorten the discussion to 1-2 questions.

2-3 (Older)

- Allow children to read short phrases (one sentence) if able.
- Invite them to “help teach” by holding flannel pieces.
- Let them write the theme word (Hope/Peace/Joy/Love) themselves.
- Ask 2-3 discussion questions and allow brief sharing.

FLANNEL BOARD / MAGNETIC BOARD GUIDANCE (ALL WEEKS)

- Keep pieces in a labeled bag per week.
- Place pieces in the order you will use them.
- Limit to 4-6 pieces to avoid losing time.
- Always place the “Bible” or “scroll” piece first (if you have one) to reinforce that this comes from Scripture.

WEEK 1 – CHRISTMAS 1

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 1:18–25

THEME FOCUS: JESUS IS EMMANUEL — GOD WITH US

Memory Phrase:

"Jesus is God with us."

Theme Focus:

God came to live among us through Jesus.

OPENING ROUTINE

FLANNEL/MAGNETIC PIECES (SUGGESTED)

Bible.

Joseph

Angel

Mary

Baby Jesus

CHRISTMAS I – FULL STORY SCRIPT (8–10 MINUTES)

Hold up your Bible.

"This is God's Word. Today's true story comes from the book of Matthew."

Christmas Day has come.

Jesus has been born.

Mary and Joseph are caring for baby Jesus.

But before Jesus was born, Joseph had something important to learn.

Joseph loved Mary.

He was a kind and good man.

But Joseph was confused.

Things were happening that he did not understand.

Have you ever been confused?

Maybe you didn't understand why something happened.

Maybe you have questions.

Joseph had questions too.

One night Joseph went to sleep.

While he was sleeping, God sent an angel to him in a dream.

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Can you say **dream**?

(Children repeat.)

The angel had a message from God.

The angel said,

"Do not be afraid."

Let's say that together.

"Do not be afraid."

The angel told Joseph that God had a special plan.

Mary would have a baby.

That baby would be Jesus.

Jesus was not just any baby.

Jesus was God's Son.

Jesus came to save His people.

The angel told Joseph something very special.

The baby would be called **Emmanuel**.

Can you say Emmanuel?

(Children repeat.)

Emmanuel means:

"God with us."

Let's say that together.

"God with us."

The angel wanted Joseph to know that God was keeping His promises.

Long ago God promised to send a Savior.

Now that promise was coming true.

When Joseph woke up, he listened to God.

He obeyed God.

He trusted God.

Joseph cared for Mary and baby Jesus.

Because Joseph trusted God, he became part of God's wonderful plan.

Today we remember that Christmas is more than presents and decorations.

Christmas is about Jesus.

Jesus is Emmanuel.

Jesus is God with us.

When we are happy, Jesus is with us.

When we are sad, Jesus is with us.

When we are afraid, Jesus is with us.

When we pray, Jesus hears us.

Let's say together:

Jesus is God with us.

Again:

Jesus is God with us.

One more time:

Jesus is God with us.

Joseph trusted God.

God kept His promise.

Jesus came to be Emmanuel—God with us.

This story is true because it comes from God's true Word, the Bible.

Discussion

K–1

- Who appeared to Joseph?
- What does Emmanuel mean?
- Is Jesus with us today?

2–3

- Why was Joseph confused?
- What did the angel tell Joseph?
- How can we trust God like Joseph did?

CRAFT OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE – 15–18 MINUTES)

Craft 1: Promise Star Ornament

Materials

Yellow cardstock stars (pre-cut; one per child)

Markers/crayons

Hole punch

Yarn/string (8–10 inches per child)

Optional: star stickers.

Prep

pre-cut stars for all grades.

Pre-punch holes for K–1 if time is tight.

Steps

1. Give each child a star.
2. Have them write (or you write) the large word HOPE at the top.
3. Under HOPE, write: “God keeps His promises.”
4. Decorate star (patterns, dots, stripes).

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5. Punch a hole at the top (teacher for K-1).
6. Thread the yarn and tie a loop.
7. Close by holding stars up together and repeating: "God keeps His promises."

K-1 adaptation

The teacher writes the sentence; the child colors and decorates.

2-3 adaptation

The child writes HOPE and copies a sentence from the board.

Craft 2: Joseph's Dream Scene

Materials

- Blue construction paper
- Joseph template
- Angel template
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Crayons

Teacher Prep

- Pre-cut Joseph and angel pieces.
- Cut blue paper backgrounds.

Steps

1. Glue Joseph sleeping at bottom.
2. Glue angel above him.
3. Stretch cotton around angel for clouds.
4. Draw stars in sky.
5. Write:

Do Not Be Afraid

K-1 Adaptation

Teacher helps glue pieces.

2-3 Adaptation

Students add speech bubble:

"Do not be afraid."

Teaching Connection

Review:

Who spoke to Joseph?

The angel.

What did Joseph do?

He obeyed God.

Craft 3: "God With Us" Lantern

Materials

- White paper cup
- Yellow tissue paper squares
- Glue stick
- Star stickers
- Battery tea light (optional)

Teacher Prep

Pre-cut tissue paper.

Steps

1. Write:
God With Us
2. Cover cup with tissue squares.
3. Add stars.
4. Place battery light underneath.

Teaching Connection

Jesus came as the Light of the World.

Craft 4: Class Poster – Jesus Came As The Light Of The World.

Materials

Poster board or large paper

Markers/crayons

Star stickers (optional)

Prep

Write the title faintly: "Jesus came as the Light of the World."

Steps

1. Have children take turns coloring a section.
2. Add stars around the border.
3. Display in the classroom for the season.

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY (3–5 MINUTES)

Echo Game

Teacher: "Emmanuel"

Children: "God with us!"

Repeat several times.

CLOSING ROUTINE

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for coming to be with us.

Thank You for loving us.

Help us trust You like Joseph did.

Amen.

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An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus."

WEEK 2 – CHRISTMAS 2

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:13–23

THEME FOCUS: GOD PROTECTS AND GUIDES US

Memory Phrase:

"God watches over me."

Theme Focus:

God guided and protected Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

OPENING ROUTINE

FLANNEL/MAGNETIC PIECES (SUGGESTED)

Bible

Angel

Joseph

Mary holding Baby Jesus

Egypt sign

Nazareth sign

CHRISTMAS II – FULL STORY SCRIPT (8–10 MINUTES)

Hold up your Bible.

"This is God's Word. Today's true story comes from the book of Matthew."

After Jesus was born, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus lived together as a family.

Joseph loved and protected his family.

One night, Joseph had another dream.

Can you say dream?

(Children repeat.)

An angel appeared to Joseph.

The angel had an important message.

The angel said that Joseph needed to take Mary and Jesus to a place called Egypt.

God wanted to keep Jesus safe.

Joseph listened carefully.

Did Joseph wait a long time?

No.

Did Joseph argue?

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No.

Joseph obeyed right away.

He trusted God.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus traveled together.

The journey was long.

They walked through dusty roads.

They slept in different places.

But they were not alone.

God was with them.

God watched over them.

God protected them.

Have you ever gone on a trip?

Maybe you packed a suitcase.

Maybe you rode in a car.

Maybe you visited family.

Mary and Joseph traveled too.

And everywhere they went, God was caring for them.

After some time, God spoke to Joseph again through a dream.

The angel told him it was time to return home.

Once again Joseph listened.

Once again Joseph obeyed.

Joseph took Mary and Jesus and settled in a town called Nazareth.

That is where Jesus grew up.

This story teaches us something important.

God guided Joseph.

God protected Mary.

God watched over Jesus.

And God watches over us too.

That does not mean nothing difficult ever happens.

It means God is always with us.

God hears our prayers.

God loves us.

God helps us.

Let's say together:

God watches over me.

Again:

God watches over me.

One more time:

God watches over me.

Joseph trusted God.

God guided the Holy Family.

And God guides us too.

This story is true because it comes from God's true Word, the Bible.

Discussion

K-1

- Who appeared to Joseph?
- Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus?
- Who watched over them?

2-3

- Why did Joseph go to Egypt?
- How did God guide Joseph?
- How does God watch over us today?

CRAFT OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE – 15–18 MINUTES)

Craft 1: Angel Plate

Materials

Paper plate (one per child)

White paper wings (pre-cut)

Glue stick

Markers/crayons

Optional: pipe cleaner halo (teacher bends)

Prep

Pre-cut wings; pre-bend halos if using.

Steps

1. Fold the plate in half (body).
2. Glue wings to the back.
3. Draw an angel face on the front.
4. Write PEACE on the plate.
5. Optional: tape halo to top.
6. Hold up angels and say: "Do not be afraid."

K-1 adaptation

Teacher glues wings; child draws.

2–3 adaptation

Child glues and writes.

Craft 2: Handprint Dove

Materials

White paper

Pencils

Scissors

Markers

Prep

For K–1, trace hands ahead if possible.

Steps

1. Trace the child's hand.
2. Cut out handprint.
3. Turn sideways so the thumb looks like a wing.
4. Add an eye and a beak.
5. Write PEACE and "Do not be afraid."
6. Optional: glue onto blue background.

K–1 adaptation

Adult cuts.

2–3 adaptation

Child cuts and adds details.

Craft 3: Peace Prayer Card

Materials

Cardstock folded in half

Markers/crayons

Stickers

Steps

1. On front: write PEACE.
2. Inside: "Dear Jesus, help me trust You."
3. Decorate.
4. Encourage giving to someone who needs peace.

Craft 4: Mini Paper Christmas Wreath

Materials

Green paper (wreath ring pre-cut)

Small rectangles for candles (2 purple + 1 pink + 1 white drawn or glued)

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Glue stick

Crayons

Steps

1. Color wreath.
2. Glue candles on top.
3. Color “flames” (yellow/orange).
4. Label one candle PEACE (or simply write PEACE on wreath).

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY (3–5 MINUTES)

Peace Breath

Teach: “Smell the flower... blow the candle.”

- Inhale slowly (smell flower), exhale slowly (blow candle) 3 times.
- Then whisper together: “Do not be afraid.”

CLOSING ROUTINE

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for Your peace. Help us trust You as Mary did. Amen.

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