

kid zone LEADERS' guide

THIS Week...

This week we're talking about Jesus being born in a stable.

 **TODAY'S BIBLE VERSES:** Luke 2:1-7, John 3:16

 **KEY WORDS:** Jesus, stable, nativity, king

 **BEFORE today's lesson:**

- Make sure you have all the materials you need for the 'Welcome Zone' and 'Fun Zone' activities.
- Gather together all the required ingredients for 'Grub Zone'.
- Have enough *Kidzone* magazines for every child!
- Print off the 'Beyond the Zone' card.

 When preparing your program, consider each of the 'zones' and how they will best work in your context.

You may like to mix up the order in which you do the 'zones'. You will, however, need to remember the 'Welcome Zone' needs to start the session, the 'Zone In' section needs to follow the 'God Zone', and the 'Beyond the Zone' happens at home.



GRUBZONE^{kz}

(10 mins)

FUNZONE^{kz}

(7-10 mins)

GODZONE^{kz}

(7-10 mins)

 **MAKE** Cheffy's cool Malteser wreaths on [page 3](#).

 **READ** the Christmas with the Salvos feature on [page 4 and 5](#).

 **MAKE** Oliver's wool nativity star on [page 10](#).

 **READ** the message.

 **READ** Luke 2:1-7 from a children's Bible or a Bible story book.

"Jesus was a very special baby, but he wasn't born in a palace, a hospital or even a fancy house. Joseph and Mary were travelling and there were no lovely motel rooms or guest houses available. So, Jesus was born in a stable. Instead of a cot or cradle, Jesus slept in a manger (the food box for the animals). Can you imagine how dirty and smelly it must have been in that stable, with all of the animals around? God could have arranged for Jesus, his Son, the King, to be born anywhere, but he wanted us to understand that he cares about all people, not just the rich or powerful. God chooses to be close to ordinary people in an ordinary way. He shows that he loves everyone, no matter who we are or what we have (or don't have). God chooses to be close to you." (From The Salvation Army Family Advent Devotional Guide).

 **DISCUSS** why you think God chose Jesus to be born in a stable rather than in an expensive hotel. Everyone – whether rich or poor – matters to God. What can we do to show people they matter to God and to us?

 **PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank you for choosing to come to Earth and live as a human. Thank you for giving up Heaven to be close to us and to understand us. Help us to be willing to go to the places where people need love and help – even if it is uncomfortable for us. Amen. (From The Salvation Army Family Advent Devotional Guide).

 **PRINT** out the No Ordinary Town activity sheets and the star colouring sheet and/



 **GIVE OUT** the 'Beyond the Zone' cards and read through the activities.

GET READY FOR NEXT WEEK ...

To make the recipes and crafts next week you will need the following:

OLIVER'S WRAPPING PAPER



- Brown paper
- Household sponges
- Felt-tipped pen
- Cookie cutters in Christmas shapes (optional)
- Scissors
- Green, red and yellow paint
- Cotton bud for decoration (optional)



ANGEL BREAD



- Bread
- Butter
- Sprinkles
- Angel cookie cutter



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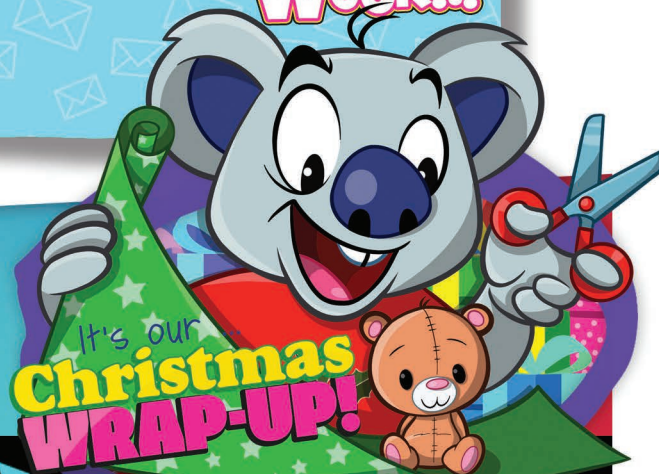


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Email a picture of your group to kidzone@salvationarmy.org.au

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