

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



### **BIG IDEA**

God sent Jesus  
for a reason.

### **BIBLE**

**The Word Became Flesh:**  
John 1:1–17; Psalm 80:1–7

### **QUESTIONS**

- **Who is the “light” John is talking about?** *Jesus.*
- **True or False: John 1 says that Jesus was fully accepted by all people right away.** *False. The world did not recognize or receive him.*
- **What happens to people that do receive Jesus?** *They become children of God.*
- **Read Psalm 80:3,7. What is the psalmist asking God to do?** *“Make your face shine on us,” save us, send us a savior.*
- **Is there any part of your life that feels a little dark, sad, confusing, or scary? What can you ask Jesus for?**
- **What are one or two things you can do during Advent this year (the time you spend waiting until Christmas)?**
- **Who can you tell about the reason God sent Jesus?**

### **ACTIVITY**

Give each kid a mini beach ball and a permanent marker. Have them write the Big Idea and decorate it. Then have them inflate it and attach a bit of looped string to the nozzle to create an ornament.

Vacation time is the perfect reason to have fun and play. But don't let your Christmas vacation go by without remembering that **God sent Jesus for a reason!**

Take this *Christmas Vacation* ornament home and put it on a tree, the fridge, or somewhere like that to help you remember what we talked about today!

**MEMORY VERSE:** “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.” — John 1:9 (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

