

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Jesus is why we celebrate!

BIBLE

Jesus is Born!
Luke 2:1–20; Psalm 89:1–4

QUESTIONS

- **Why did Mary and Joseph have to go Bethlehem?** *Because the ruler issued a census for the entire Roman world.*
- **Where did Mary place baby Jesus after he was born?** *In a manger.*
- **Who appeared to shepherds? What message did they give?** *Angels; that a Savior has been born and could be found lying in a manger.*
- **Read Psalm 89:3–4. How did God keep this promise to David?** *Jesus was born; God sent Jesus, who is from the line of David.*
- **Would you like it if every day was Christmas? Why or why not?**
- **How can you celebrate Jesus daily, even when it's not Christmas?**
- **If you could tell someone about why you celebrate Jesus at Christmas time in one sentence, what would you say?**

ACTIVITY

Give kids [clear, fillable ornaments](#) (or use plastic cups, pipe cleaners, and paper for [a DIY version](#)) along with bits of kinetic sand, small assorted seashells, and a larger clamshell to write “Jesus is why we shell-ebrate!”

Let’s make Jesus the center of our Christmas celebrations today and every day. **Jesus is why we shell-ebrate (celebrate)!**

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!

