

Prepare

Prepare your preach by reading the passages listed, praying, and then thinking of a creative way to hit the Key Point. Take a look at the [Program Overview](#) for context. You can use the illustration idea or come up with your own. Make sure you hit the key point and give a 'next step' practical application of that point. Only read 2-3 scriptures verbatim. Finally, have a 'ministry moment' where you give kids the opportunity to receive Jesus and/or pray for them around the topic.

Preach Length: 7-10 mins. For further support, see our [Preach Guide](#).

Week 9 Preach: God is Love!

Scriptures

Share the [Christmas story](#) found in Luke 1:26-2:21 and Mathew 1-2 (ending with baby Jesus being kept safe from King Herod) Supporting Scriptures: Proverbs 10:21, 1 John 4:8-9, John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13:7-8.

Desired 'Next Step':

That kids would be reminded of God's great love for them and receive salvation this Christmas!

KEY POINT: GOD'S LOVE FOR US NEVER FAILS

Throughout the Bible, many people have come against God's plans without success! The Bible tells us that only the plans of God will prevail (Prov. 19:21). So when King Herod plotted to kill all of the children, including Jesus, do you think God was surprised? No! An angel appeared to Joseph and to the wise men in a dream, telling them to go to Egypt and return home via another way (Matt. 2: 12-13). And because of Jesus' birth, we now have relationship with God. He loves us so much, that He ensured Jesus' life so that we would one day come to know Him! God's love for us cannot be stopped, even by those who are against Him or do not believe Him.

SUPPORTING POINTS

Supporting Point 1: God is love!

God shows us His excellent, never failing, always hoping love through giving us His son Jesus to save us - the best gift you could imagine! But because we all sin and make wrong choices, we were separated from God and His goodness - we needed saving! God told Joseph that Jesus was that Saviour (Matt 1:21) Jesus is evidence of God's love for us, because, though we don't deserve it, God sent his very own Son to save us (1 John 4:8-9, 19, John 3:16).

Supporting Point 2: We can receive God's love (salvation).

God's heart is that we would receive His love and be saved. When we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour, we are choosing to follow Him and His ways everyday. God LOVED us so much, that He sent His son Jesus to save us, and whoever believes in Him will have eternal life (John 3:16). Christmas is a time to reflect and be thankful for God's great love for us! God is waiting for you to receive His love this Christmas, and there will be a party in heaven (and on earth) when you do!

ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

When we look back at the history of Jesus being born, we are reading HIS-story! Create a book prop by covering a book in white paper, writing 'HISstory' on the front. Then use paper clips to clip paper to the first and last pages of the book, covering the original text. On the first page write "God's story of hope and unfailing love" and on the last page write "This was God's story, which has the happiest ending of all time!" Use this book and point to the cover, the first page and the last page, as you preach the message of Christmas.