



GROUP ACTIVITY

Isaiah and the Burning Coal

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the greatest gift ever, so we can remember and celebrate His birth during Christmas.

BIBLE BASIS: Isaiah 6, 53

KEY VERSE: “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the [sins] of us all.” Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

Greatest Gift

Supplies: 2-4 small wrapped presents

Say: Today we heard the story of Isaiah the prophet. What did a prophet do? (Answer: Prophesied things that were going to happen.) In today’s story Isaiah told the people of Israel that Jesus was coming and that He was going to die for their sins. Before Jesus was even born, Isaiah knew He would be born to save them. This amazing Savior, Jesus, is the reason we celebrate Christmas! And as we know, Christmas time is filled with tons of really cool things: decorations, food, presents, but we can’t forget that the gift of Jesus is by far the coolest of them all. In fact, Jesus is the greatest gift of all time, and Christmas is our chance to remember and celebrate His birth.

Let’s do an activity to help us remember Jesus is the greatest gift.

Directions: Separate kids into teams of 10 people or less. Have them stand in a line. When you say “GO!,” the kids will pass the present over their heads to the person behind them and down the line. As they pass the present, each person must say, “Jesus is the greatest gift ever!” The first team to pass the present wins the round. Continue playing and passing in different directions or ways as interest allows. (Over/Under, Side to Side, Etc...) You can also add multiple presents to the line to make it more difficult. Afterwards, have the kids sit in a circle and answer the questions.

Question: What is a way you could show God how thankful you are for His gift of Jesus?

Question: How can your family celebrate Jesus’ birthday this year?

Question: What is your favorite thing to do on your birthday? What do you think Jesus would have liked to do on His birthday?