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(*Jesus And Me*)

Short Sessions—Christmas Time

Control Tool:

Leader: What's Christmas all about? *Students:* It's all about Jesus!

Game: Gorilla Beats the Man

This is like a large version of rock, paper, and scissors. Your students stand back-to-back. You say, "Gorilla (raise arms like a gorilla) beats the man (put hands on hips), man (put hands on hips) beats the gun (hold finger out as gun), gun (hold finger out as gun) beats gorilla (raise arms like a gorilla), if you tie (act like you are adjusting your tie), you die. (In other words, if they both make the same gesture, they are both out.) 5-4-3-2-1...(This is when your students turn around and make the appropriate gesture for gorilla, man, or gun...and, remember, if they tie, they're both out.)

"Gorilla beats the man, man beats the gun, gun beats gorilla, if you tie, you die. 5-4-3-2-1..."

Continue playing and eliminating players until there is only one winner.

KEY—There could only be one winner in this game, but with Jesus, everyone can win.

ASK: How can a person win in life?

ASK: Was Jesus born to be the Savior of only a few or of everybody?
(Everybody, even though not everybody chooses to give their life to Him.)

SAY: That's what Christmas is all about—About the fact that Jesus loves you so much that He came to earth to save you.

Game: Body Spellers

Divide your class into two or more teams with at least three students on each team. Instruct them to use their bodies to spell the following letters.

Practice: Q / B

Competition—Spell: G / I / F / T

Sit in a circle

SAY: Some people get greedy during Christmas and think only about themselves and what gifts they'll get. This Christmas, think about others and how you can bless them too.

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

ASK: What's the greatest gift you've ever been given?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

ASK: What is the gift of God?

ASK: How is a person saved according to this verse? *(For by grace through faith.)*

ASK: What is grace? *(Jesus dying and being punished for your sins when He as innocent.)*

ASK: Can a gift be earned? (No. Just accepted.)
Your part is faith--not just believing, but trusting Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Take prayer requests and pray
(If there's extra time, play Gorilla beats the Man again.)