



# Christmas in Kidsgate



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## WHY DO WE GIVE GIFTS?

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace <sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.” -Isaiah 9:6-7; NIV



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## WHY DO WE RECEIVE GIFTS?

“She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel”

-Luke 2:1-7; The Message



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## WHY DOES JESUS' BIRTH MATTER?

“For God so loved the world that whoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” -John 3:16; NIV

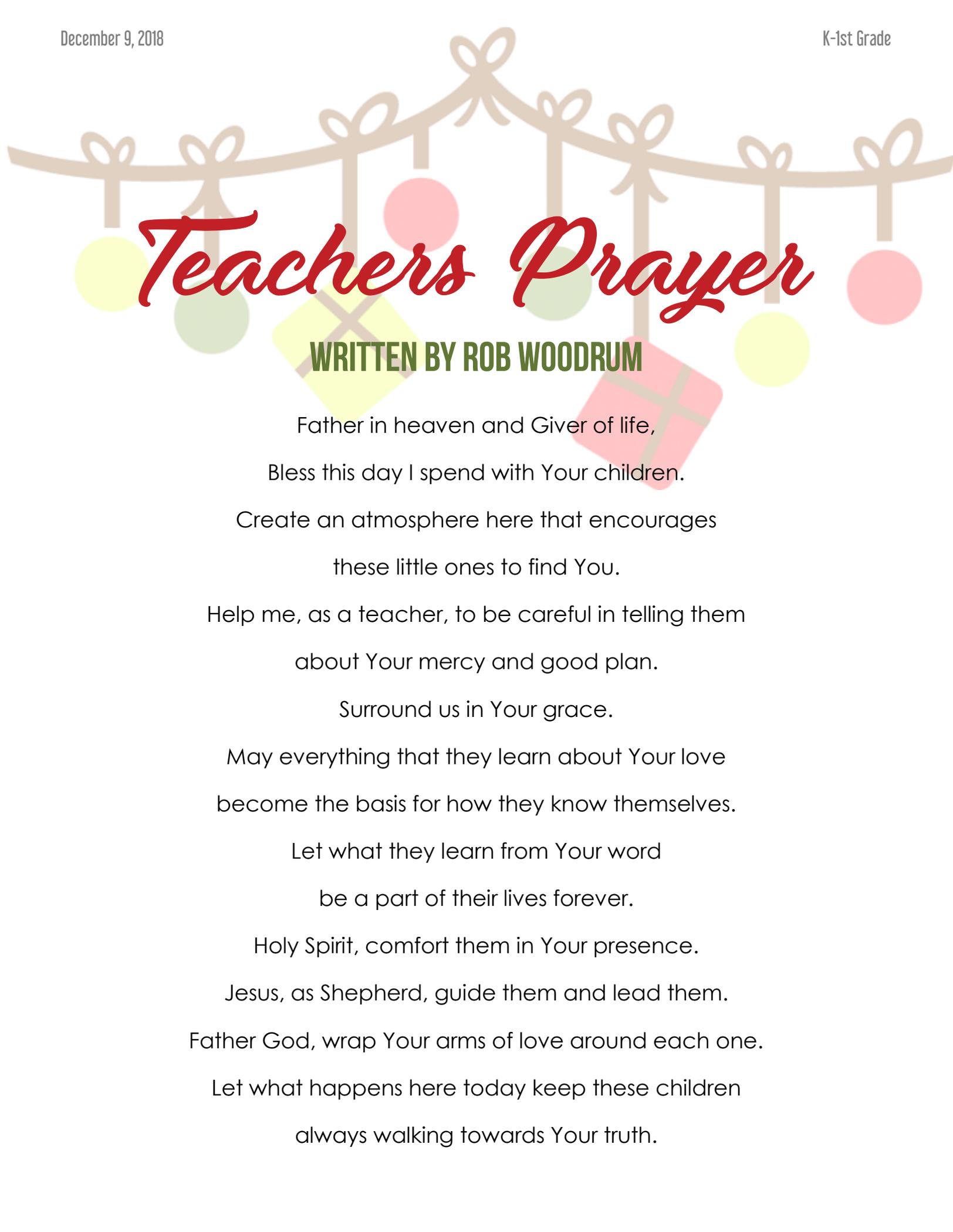


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## HOW DO YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE?

“At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: Glory to God in the heavenly heights, peace to all men and women on earth who please him” -Luke 2:8-20; The Message



# Teachers Prayer

**WRITTEN BY ROB WOODRUM**

Father in heaven and Giver of life,

Bless this day I spend with Your children.

Create an atmosphere here that encourages  
these little ones to find You.

Help me, as a teacher, to be careful in telling them  
about Your mercy and good plan.

Surround us in Your grace.

May everything that they learn about Your love  
become the basis for how they know themselves.

Let what they learn from Your word  
be a part of their lives forever.

Holy Spirit, comfort them in Your presence.

Jesus, as Shepherd, guide them and lead them.

Father God, wrap Your arms of love around each one.

Let what happens here today keep these children  
always walking towards Your truth.

# SCHEDULE



TIME	ACTIVITY	NOTES
9:45-10:30AM	Christmas Performance	Practice in the Action Room-
10:30-10:45AM	Bible Lesson	Luke 2:1-7
10:45- 10:55AM	Memory Verse	Isaiah 9:6 (Treasure Box)
10:55 -11:15 AM	Craft -OR- Game	Christmas Gift Hot Potato Game
11:15- 11:25 AM	Closing Prayer	Free time after prayer

# LESSON INTRO



1. Start today's lesson by going around the room and asking student's to share their name with the class and something that they are hoping to get for Christmas this year.
2. Write the name of the student on the board as they say it (this gives you names to reference as you need them)
3. Move on to worship & Bible lesson once this is completed.

# WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



## WORSHIP

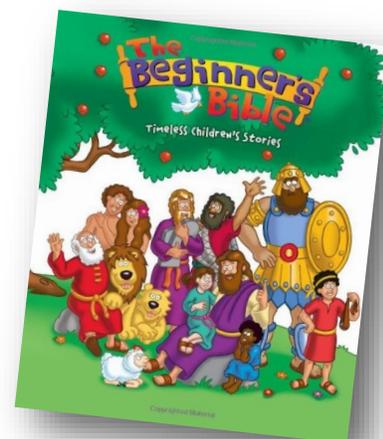
### DIRECTIONS:

1. Play the worship video called "Go Tell it On the Mountain (City Kids Christmas Program 2016)" (found at [www.kidsgatecurriculum.com](http://www.kidsgatecurriculum.com) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5saqX7z9QfA>)
2. The song is from Youtube and will be set up and ready to play on your computer.

## BIBLE LESSON & DISCUSSION

1. Take out a Bible
2. Show the class where Luke 2:1-7; is located in the Bible, and say:
  - "Does the book of **Luke** look like it's in the beginning of the Bible, the middle of the Bible or the end of the Bible?" (The End)
  - "Does anyone know if this is part of the Old Testament or the New Testament?" (New Testament)
  - "I need a volunteer to put the book of **Luke** in our hanging Bible chart."
3. Pick a student to put the picture in the "Old Testament" hanging folder. Give them the "**Luke**" card and help the student to find the right spot (*Have a student point to the card if it has already been placed in the hanging folder*)
4. Then READ the Christmas Story & show the pictures out of "The Beginner's Bible" (Pages 271-281)
5. Afterwards say:
  - "What are some things that you do on Christmas?" (Open presents, be with family)
  - "Did you know that God gave us a gift? Does anyone know what it is?" (Jesus!)
  - "How do you think we can accept the gift of Jesus?" (By believing that he is God and that He saved us)
  - "We'll talk about this more a little later on, but right now, let's move on to our memory verse."

**GIVE SNACKS DURING THE LESSON TO HELP PREVENT DISTRACTIONS**



# MEMORY VERSE



## ISAIAH 9:6 "GOD HAS GIVEN A SON TO US"

1. Watch the memory verse movie found at [www.kidsgatecurriculum.com](http://www.kidsgatecurriculum.com) with the class.
2. Have the student's repeat the words and movements as they watch the video.
3. Do this a few times until students can say the words and do the movements easily.



4. **Calling students over one at a time: Give a treasure box item to a child if they actively participated in this activity and/ or if they can say the verse to you without help.**
5. **DO NOT give treasure box to student's who are not activity trying to learn the verse, who are misbehaving, or being disrespectful**



"God



has given



a Son



to us."



Isaiah 9:6

# CRAFT/ GAME



## CHRISTMAS GIFT HOT POTATO GAME

### SUPPLIES:

- Empty Box Wrapped in Christmas Paper
- Christmas Music & CD or DVD Player

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Have students sit in a circle on the ground
2. Play Christmas music while students pass the “gift” around the circle.
3. Stop the music at a random time, and the student holding the gift must leave the circle.
4. Keep playing until only one student is left.
5. Play again if there is time. You can also choose to have a student help you with pausing the music.
6. At the end say:
  - “God has already given a gift for Christmas. Does anyone have any guesses at to what it might be?”
  - “God gave us Jesus, and that’s our gift!”
  - “And you know what? The gifts that we get on Christmas can be a reminder of what God has already given us!”
  - “So what’s the Christmas gift that God has already given us?” (Jesus)
  - “How can we accept that gift?”
  - “Alright, lets move on to prayer as we finish up our lesson for today”



## PRAYER TIME



### Pray as a group by doing the following:

- Ask for specific prayer requests (anything the kids would like to ask God's help for)
- Ask for anything specific that the children would like to thank God for
- Pray as a class. The teacher can pray for the student requests and ask the students to pray for their family during this time. Encourage them to be brave and say their prayers out loud.
- Afterwards, remind students that prayer is not just for Sunday mornings. Prayer is for every day and it is our way of talking to God.

## PARENT PICK UP



### When church is over and parents begin to arrive:

- Make sure students have their shoes on, as well as all of their belongings and crafts from today
- Match the numbers on the parent nametag with the numbers on the student nametag
- Communicate with the parents and let them know how their child did in class today (Did they struggle to follow directions? Did they enjoy the activities? Were they wonderful?)
- Briefly talk about what you learned in class. Direct parents with follow up questions to the Kidsgate website: [www.kidsgatecurriculum.com](http://www.kidsgatecurriculum.com) where they can download previous lessons, sign up to volunteer, or contact the people in charge.