

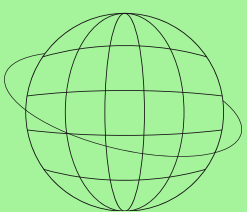
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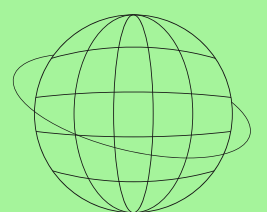
The Arrival, Announcement &  
Assignment Of Immanuel

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**Week #3**



The Assignment



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## HOW TO LEAD YOUR YCI CLUB

### Play

Play a game together.

### Pray

Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.

### Grow

Learn from Scripture about who God says He is and how we should respond to Him.

### Go

Look for opportunities to share the Gospel, and serve others in your community with your YCI club members.



# TIPS FOR USING THIS CURRICULUM

*Three Recommendations As You Lead Your Friends In  
Playing, Praying, Growing & Going*

## 1) FAMILIARIZE

Prior to your weekly YCI club gatherings, spend time reading the curriculum to make sure you understand the game and devotional. Leading is easier when you are well-prepared!

## 2) ORGANIZE

The "Grow" portion of the YCI Club Curriculum gives you the "pieces" for a devotional, but it is up to you to put the pieces together. You may want to give "Book, Hook, Look & Took" a try:

- 1) **Book:** Read the Bible verses.
- 2) **Hook:** Share a brief personal story or idea that relates to the Scripture.
- 3) **Look:** Share the context of the Scripture.
- 4) **Took:** Share the takeaways from the "Learn & Apply" section.

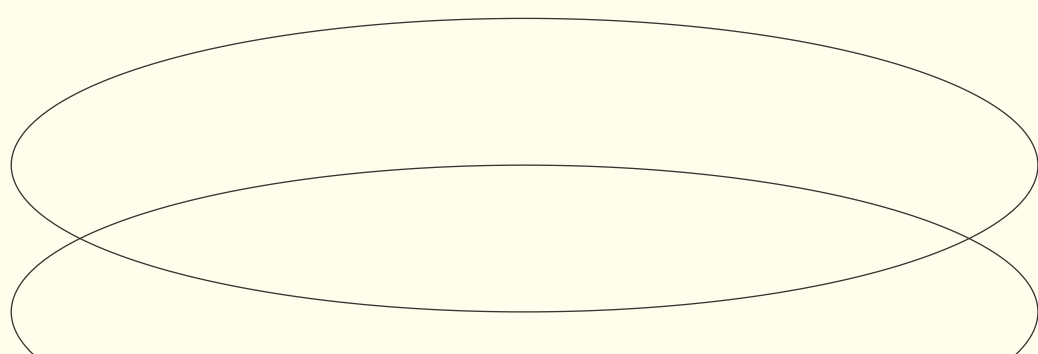
## 3) CUSTOMIZE

Since every YCI club is different, it is important that you modify this content to fit your context. If you need help with this, we encourage you to reach out to your club's Campus Mentor!



# TRIM THE TREE!

First, the YCI club should be split into two teams. Next, one person on each team should be chosen as "Christmas Trees". Using only supplies that are readily available in the room, each team has five minutes to "decorate" their Christmas Tree. After five minutes are up, it is the job of either the Teacher Sponsor or the Campus Mentor to determine which team did a better job creatively decorating their student. This process can repeat for as long as time allows!



# ASK GOD FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE IN THESE AREAS:

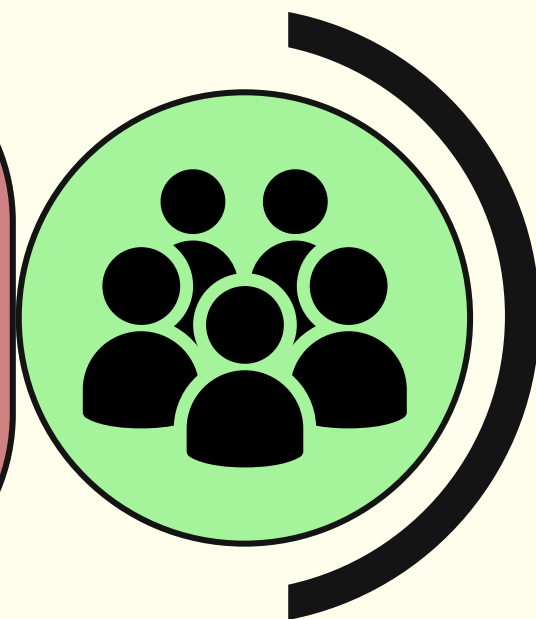


## Club Time

Pray that God will speak to everyone in the room through His Word.

## Group Needs

Take time to discuss and pray over the personal needs and requests of those in attendance.

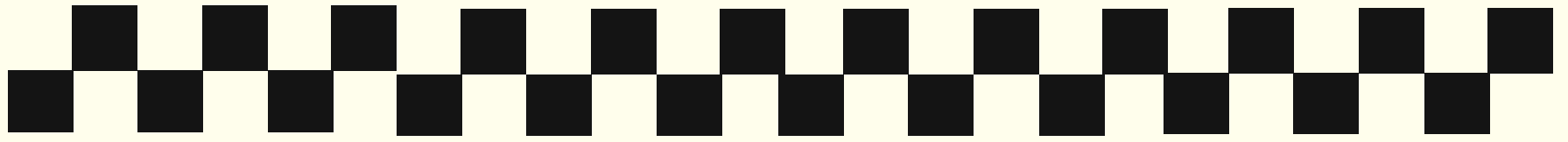


## School Community

Ask God to move in situations that are unique to your school and community.



## WHERE WE'RE GOING



While many of us have a general understanding of the Christmas story, it can be easy to overlook the magnitude of what took place in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. The Son of God, who has been ruling and reigning since before the beginning of time, demonstrates radical humility through placing Himself at the level of man, fulfilling Isaiah 7:14: "...Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [translated *God with us*]" .

In the **"God With Us"** curriculum, we will walk through Luke 2:1-38 and take a closer look at three key components of the Christmas story:

- 1) **The Arrival:** Luke 2:1-7
- 2) **The Announcement:** Luke 2:8-21
- 3) **The Assignment:** Luke 2:22-38

Prayerfully, through this study, we will develop a deeper understanding that Immanuel not only *came* to us, but He is *still with us* as we navigate this broken world!

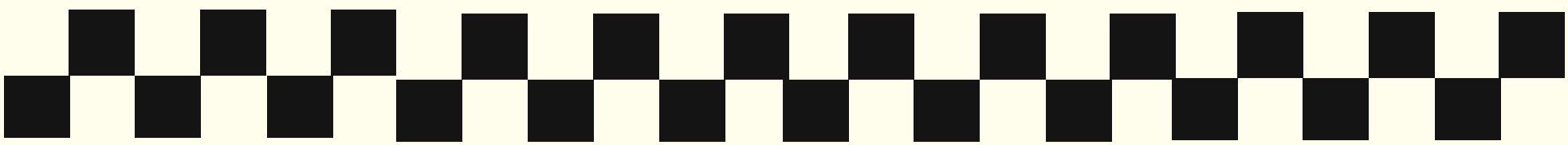




**LUKE 2:22–31 (ESV)**

**"22** And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." **25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, **28** he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, **29** "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; **30** for my eyes have seen your salvation **31** that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples"



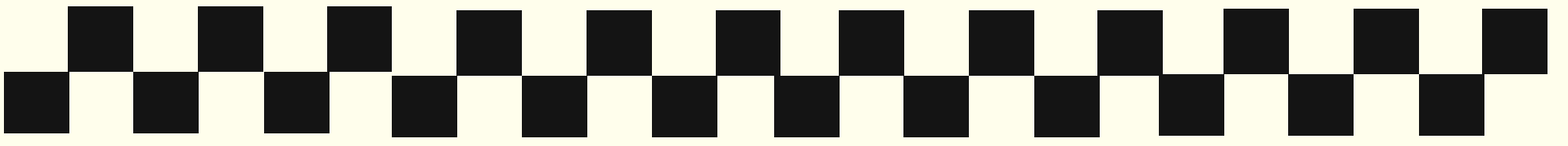
**LUKE 2:32–38 (ESV)**

**"32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." **33** And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. **34** And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed **35** (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." **36** And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, **37** and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem."





# GOD WITH US: THE ASSIGNMENT



## **Redeeming The Firstborn**

Luke 2's emphasis on Jesus as the firstborn is highly significant. Paul, in his first letter to the church in Corinth, writes the following: "Thus it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit" (1 Cor. 15:45 ESV). Jesus is the firstborn who succeeds where Adam, the original firstborn, fails in Eden. His assignment as the Messiah is to redeem us from the curse caused by Adam and Eve's disobedience.

## **The Final Sacrifice**

Throughout the Old Testament, sacrifices made by the high priest on behalf of the people are essential for the forgiveness of sin. The sacrifice of two birds made on behalf of Jesus foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice He would make for us on the cross!

## **Fulfilling The Promise**

Both Simeon and Anna are nearing the end of their lives, and they emphasize how long they have waited for the Messiah to come. Their patient endurance serves as a picture of all who patiently wait for the fulfillment of God's promise.



# LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS

Small Group Questions  
(If Time Allows)

## QUESTION #1

What is one thing that "jumped out" to you while reading Luke 2:22-38?

## QUESTION #2

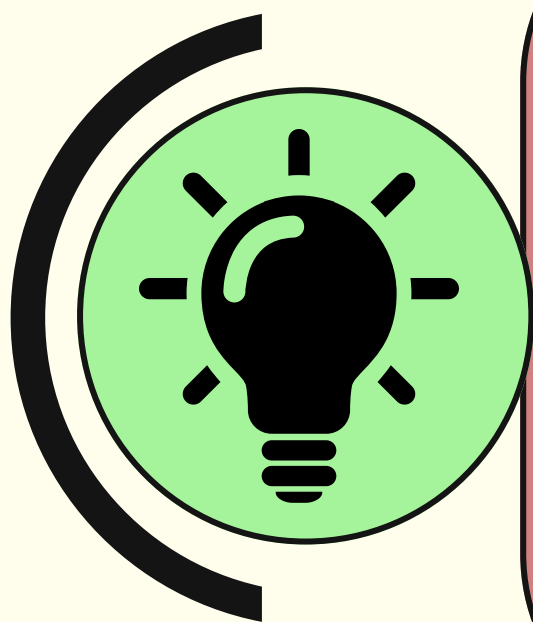
Which of the three aspects of the assignment (redeeming the firstborn, the final sacrifice and fulfilling the promise) resonates the most with you?

## QUESTION #3

This Christmas season, what are some creative things we can do to practically share the hope of Jesus with our school?



# BEFORE YOU GO

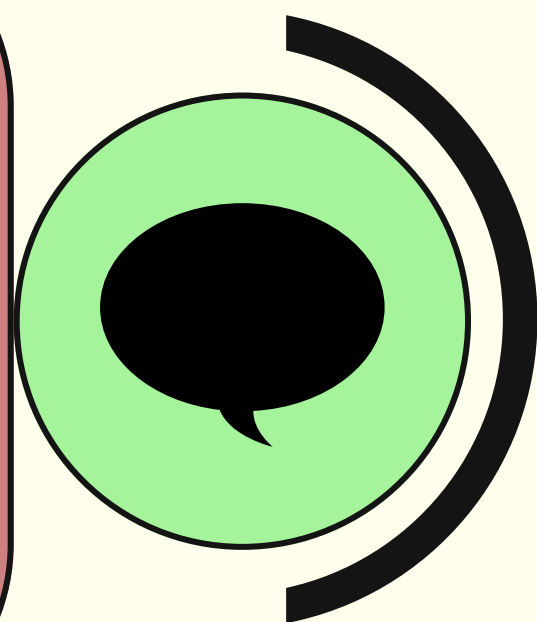


## Big Idea

Jesus' assignment is marked by redeeming the firstborn, the final sacrifice and fulfilling the promise. The details surrounding Jesus' birth foreshadow the way He would die!

## Sharing Truth

Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about what we discussed today? Pray for them, and find time this week to encourage them.



## Meeting Needs

What is something your YCI club can do to show God's love this semester?



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