



MEMORY VERSE:

God, You are my
God. I want to
follow you.
Psalm 63:1a

WHAT'S NEXT!

Today –
Snowy Ridge
continues! A
series on our
friendship with
God!

Christmas
Services (In-
Person):
Dec. 23 @ 5pm
Dec. 24 @ 2pm
and 4pm

Online Only:
Dec. 24 @ 8pm

NOTE: links to resource pages are highlighted in [blue](#); click to access

LET'S GET STARTED!

SUPPLIES:

- White sock, 10 plastic cups



WHAT TO DO:

- Play a game of Snowball Bowling! Decorate the 10 plastic cups as snowmen by drawing a snowman shape onto the cups (right side up) with a permanent marker or cut out eyes, a nose, and a mouth from paper and glue them to your cups.
- Set up your snowmen cups for bowling. Use the white sock as your snowball by rolling it into a ball.

SHARE TOGETHER:

- Take turns answering this question: "Would you rather go ice skating or ice fishing?"
- In ice fishing, you can't see what beneath the surface of the water, but you know there are fish down there. In a similar way, we can't always see what God has for us, but we can trust that He has good things planned for us!
- This week begins a new series called Snowy Ridge. In this series, you will learn how to grow your friendship with God! Here's what you need to know today:

I **can** (thumbs to chest)
trust **God** (point up)

BIBLE STORY

SUPPLIES:

- [Bible Story Cards](#)



Joseph Trusts God's Plan
Matthew 1:18-25

WHAT TO DO:

- Read the Bible Story Cards to learn about someone who discovered that he could trust God.
- You can also read it in the Bible in Matthew 1:18-25.

ASK:

- What did Joseph trust God about? (that His plan for he and Mary was good and true)
- Do you trust that God has a good plan for your life? Why or why not?
- What are some things you trust God to do? (take care of you, be with you, love you, give you what you need)
- What is something your family trusts God for?

BIBLE STORY SKIT

- Now that you've read the Bible story, watch the Bible Story video online by clicking on [Elementary Bible Story Video](#) on the website.



SNOWBALL TOSS

SUPPLIES:

- A balled-up white sock, several buckets, bowls, or baskets, [Question Sheet](#)

WHAT TO DO:

- Mark a starting line on the floor of your playing space, then set up the buckets, bowls, or baskets at different distances from your starting line. Assign points to each of the buckets giving the bucket that is farthest from the starting line the highest number of points.
- Give the “snowball” – the balled-up sock – to the first player to try tossing into one of the buckets. If a goal is scored, the player receives that number of points. Then read one of the questions from the Question Sheet for the player to answer.
- Keep track of everyone’s score by writing them down on a piece of paper or on a chalkboard or whiteboard.
- Give the “snowball” to the next player to toss and then answer a question.
- You can play individually or form teams. Keep taking turns and play until all questions have been answered. The person or team with the highest points wins!

MEMORY VERSE

- Practice the new Memory Verse! Say it with the motions below or make up some of your own.
 - God, (point up)
 - You are my God. (thumbs to chest)
 - I want to follow you. (walk in place)
 - Psalm 63:1 (make book with hands)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY

READ:

- Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
- Psalm 47:1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

DISCUSS TOGETHER

- Joy is a feeling of deep happiness and contentment. True joy from God is not based on how we feel, though. It comes from what God did for us by sending us Jesus. So even in times when we are sad, scared, angry, or worried, we can still have joy because as children of God, Jesus is our Savior and our friend.
- Tell about a time you remember feeling joyful.
- What can help you to remember you have joy when you don’t “feel” joyful.?
- In today’s Bible story, do you think Joseph had joy even when he was afraid, at first, by the message from the angel? Joseph could have joy because he trusted God. Even though he didn’t understand everything about the angel’s message, he trusted in God and had joy.

TO DO:

- Make your own “JOY” ornament. Print the one online – [JOY Ornament](#) – or design your own to color, cut out, and hang on your tree.

PRAY

- Pray together as a family. Have a place to write down prayer requests that are shared and answered prayers, too.

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