

ICEBREAKERS

OPENING GROUP TIME

Supplies list: cupcakes, icing, sprinkles, colored paper, markers, simple craft materials, Christmas cards, poster board or oversized paper

Usually at Christmas, we celebrate by giving gifts to each other. But today, we're going to do something different. We are going to celebrate the birth of Jesus by throwing Him a baby shower. Set out a nativity scene as the centerpiece of the room or table, and explain that this represents the setting of Jesus's birth. In groups of three to five, give each group some supplies to prepare for the baby shower

Each group will decorate cupcakes for the baby shower. They may also create small decorations to place around the nativity scene. These can include signs, banners, or small paper decorations that celebrate Jesus's birth. They can use colors, designs, or symbols that remind them of celebration, royalty, or a baby.

As you close your time together, girls will have the opportunity to write a prayer to Jesus confessing all that is on their hearts to Him. A fun option would be to supply Christmas cards for girls to write their prayers, or if you choose not to decorate cupcakes, you could decorate Christmas cards at the beginning of your time together. After allowing girls time to write their prayers, offer the opportunity to present their prayers to Jesus by placing them at the nativity.

CLOSING GROUP TIME

Supplies list: elastic string, beads, letter beads, scissors, glue

As we wrap up our study, we want to reflect on and celebrate the names of Jesus. For this activity, everyone will make a friendship bracelet using letters to spell out their favorite name of Jesus that we've studied together over the last twenty-five days. As you create and craft, ask the questions listed on page 140 to discuss the names of Jesus with your group. If you haven't done so already, this would also be a great time to cut out the names of Jesus on each personal study day and piece together a paper chain.

We also included a closing activity for our final group time together. This guided prayer is a beautiful time for reflection for your girls. With their eyes closed and minds focused on our Savior, lead the girls through the guided prayer prompts.