Don’t Miss Christmas Kidzone Lesson Sun Am 12/4/22

# Memory Verse: Luke 2:7 NKJV

# 7And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Target Thought: We will remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is almost here, only 3 more weeks until Christmas day! I love Christmas don’t you? What do you like best about Christmas? Is it the tree, the lights and decorations? Is the Christmas music or the food? Is it the parties, going to see family and friends? Is it the presents? How about the parades?

Hmm...Can you think of anything I have left out? Oh yes! It's someone's birthday, isn't it? Whose birthday is it? That's right! It’s Jesus' birthday. What do you know about Jesus’ birthday? You know, sometimes we get so caught up in all of the decorations, lights, parties, and presents that we miss the real Christmas.

That reminds me of a story I heard about a little boy who had always wanted to go to a circus. One day the boy was walking down the street when he saw a poster in a store window. The poster said that a circus was coming to town and that a ticket to the circus cost one dollar. The boy ran home and asked his father if he would give him a dollar to go to the circus on Saturday.

His father told him that if he would work hard and get all of his chores done, he would give him a dollar to go to the circus. Saturday morning came and the boy got up early and did all of his chores.

"I have all of my chores done," the boy told his dad.

The boy's father gave him a dollar and the boy headed into town filled with excitement about seeing wild animals, trapeze artists, and all of the things that come with a circus. Since he arrived in town so early, he was on the front row when the circus parade started down the main street of town. The boy was thrilled when the animals and other circus acts paraded by.

At the end of the parade came the clowns and following the clowns was the ringmaster. When the ringmaster passed by where he was standing, the boy ran out into the street, took his folded dollar bill from his pocket, and handed it to the ringmaster.

"Thanks," mister, said the boy, "that was a great circus." Then he turned around and walked home. He never knew what he had missed. He thought he had been to the circus, but he had only been to the parade.

What do you think about what happened to the little boy?

If we are not careful, we can be like that little boy. We can get so caught up in the celebration, the decorations, and the gifts that we miss the real Christmas — the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas is Jesus birthday, and that is why we really celebrate Christmas. When it is your birthday you want everyone to celebrate with you, get presents and you want to have things your way right? You usually get special presents, presents you really want right? What do you think Jesus wants for His birthday?, That’s right, for people to accept Him as their Savior.

What can we do to help Jesus get what He wants for His birthday? We can live right and be good examples. We can tell other’s about Jesus. We can pray for others and invite them to church…… We need to remember Jesus everyday, not just Christmas.

Dear Jesus, it’s your birthday. We pray that we won't get so caught up in the celebration that we miss the real meaning of Christmas. In Jesus’ name, amen.

1 How can we miss the real Christmas?

2 What does Jesus want for His birthday?

3 When should we remember Jesus?