

Unexpected Presence Curriculum Overview

Unexpected Presence is a 4-week series where kids will learn about the unexpected visits and the good news that led up to Jesus' birth. It's a fun and unique way to tell the familiar Christmas story to kids of all ages.

Series Verse: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 KJV)

Each Week Includes:

- Series and weekly verse
- A Takeaway statement
- Large group game
- Message/Object Lesson
- Small group discussion
- Small group game/activity
- Review questions
- Take-home card
- Printable service notes

Week 1

- Bible Story – Mary Receives an Unexpected Visit (Luke 1:26-38 NLT)
- Today's Takeaway – When the unexpected happens, God is with us.
- Weekly Verse – "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10 NLT)

Week 2

- Bible Story – Joseph Receives an Unexpected Visit (Matthew 1:18-24 NLT)
- Today's Takeaway – When the unexpected happens, we have a choice to make.
- Weekly Verse – "You can make plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail." (Proverbs 19:21 NLT)

Week 3

- Bible Story – The Shepherds Receive an Unexpected Visit (Luke 2:1-20 NLT)
- Today's Takeaway – When the unexpected happens, seek God first.
- Weekly Verse – "Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him." (Psalm 105:4 NLT)

Week 4

- Bible Story – The Wise Men Experience an Unexpected Detour (Matthew 2:1-12 NLT)
- Today's Takeaway – When the unexpected happens, follow God's plan.
- Weekly Verse – “The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” (Psalm 32:8 NLT)