Discussion Questions Course 108–2

Large Group

- 1. How many of you love Christmas?
- 2. Our SuperTruth for today says "I want Jesus to be Lord of my life." Does anyone know what Lord means?
- 3. What was God's gift that He gave to the world?
- 4. How do you think this influenced Chris to give his gifts away?

Small Group

Game

- 1. Jacob is another name for Israel. Does anyone know what a scepter is?
- 2. Do you see a star in the picture?

Questions for grades 1-3:

- 3. Who told Mary she was going to have a child?
- 4. What did the angel tell Mary her son would be called?
- 5. In what town was Jesus born?
- 6. What guided the Wise Men to Jerusalem?
- 7. Where did the shepherds find Jesus?
- 8. What is a manger?
- 9. What did Mary use to keep Jesus warm?
- 10. Who did the Wise Men meet with before they found Jesus?
- 11. What was the name of Mary's husband?
- 12. What did King Herod tell the Wise Men he wanted to do when he found where Jesus was?
- 13. Why was Jesus born in the stable?
- 14. How did the shepherds learn about the birth of Jesus?

Questions for grades 4-6:

- 3. What was the name of the angel who told Mary she was going to have a child?
- 4. Where did Joseph and Mary begin their trip?
- 5. Why were Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem?
- 6. Who was Caesar Augustus?
- 7. What order did Caesar Augustus give?
- 8. What is a census?
- 9. What is another name for Bethlehem?
- 10. What is a manger?
- 11. Name three things you might expect to see at Jesus' birthplace.
- 12. Who were the first people to visit Jesus after He was born?
- 13. How did the shepherds learn about the birth of Jesus?
- 14. What did the angels say when Jesus was born?
- 15. What did the Wise Men ask King Herod?
- 16. Why did King Herod want to know when Jesus was born?

Teaching

1. What does Lord mean?

- 2. Who gave Jesus His authority and appointed Him Lord?
- 3. Show the No Vacancy sign. What does this sign mean?
- 4. Where might you find this sign?
- 5. How would you connect this sign to the first Christmas?
- 6. What would you think if you came to talk to me, and I put this sign on?
- 7. Would you feel very welcome; why or why not?
- 8. Read Proverbs 3:6 to the children. How many ways should we recognize Jesus as our Lord?
- 9. Show the Welcome Mat sign. Have you ever seen a sign like this on a building, or on a mat by someone's front door?
- 10. Did anyone sense God speaking to his/her heart about how to put Him first?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Has anyone thought of two people you would like to invite to church or given out the invitations?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson #1

- 1. What does it mean to accept the gift of salvation?
- 2. Why do you think some people may refuse to accept the free gift?

Object Lesson #2

- 1. Is Jesus really the ruler or Lord of your life if you do not obey Him completely? Why?
- 2. Can we pick and choose what we want to obey from the Bible; is that making Him Lord over our lives?
- 3. What would you think if I gave you this puzzle as a present?
- 4. I was holding some pieces back for my own. How about now—is this good? How about now?

Seeking Game

- 1. If I told you there was a special surprise hidden in this room for you, would you look for it with all your heart, or would you just casually look under a chair or two and then give up?
- 2. According to Luke 2:1, who decreed there would be a census?
- 3. According to Luke 2:12, what was the sign the shepherds would find?
- 4. According to Matthew 2:2, what did the Wise Men ask Herod?
- 5. According to Matthew 2:8, what did Herod tell the Wise Men to do once they found the child?

Bible Study

- 1. Who did Jesus come to save and be their Lord?
- 2. What is the Good News?
- 3. What does this tell us about Jesus' Kingdom?
- 4. Who will reveal Jesus to everyone as King of kings and Lord of lords?
- 5. How does this verse make you feel about Jesus?
- 6. Why is He worthy of being our Lord?
- 7. Did Jesus appoint Himself as Lord?
- 8. What happens at the mention of Jesus' name?
- 9. Is this something that will happen only on Earth?