

Light Show: Let the Christmas celebration begin

Use this guide to help your family learn about and celebrate the Christmas story.

First, watch this week's video!

Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Memory Verse

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."
John 3:16, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Is Born/
Shepherds Visit
Luke 2:1-20

Bottom Line

Celebrate because God sent a Savior.

Activity

The Best Christmas Ever

What You Need:

Paper and crayons or markers

What You Do:

Ask your child to draw a picture of the best gift they've ever received for Christmas. Talk about all the reasons why they loved that gift.

Then have your child flip over the paper and draw a scene from today's story. Talk about all the reasons Jesus was the best gift ever.

Talk About the Bible Story

Why was Jesus the best gift ever? (*He made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever.*)

What's your favorite part about how our family celebrates Christmas?

In the story, who celebrated Jesus' birth? (*The angels, the shepherds*) How did they celebrate? (*The angels told the good news about Jesus. The shepherds came to see Him.*) Why did they celebrate? (*Because Jesus was the promised Savior*)

After the shepherds saw Jesus, they told everyone what they had seen. Is talking about Jesus a way of celebrating? Why or why not?

How can we be like the shepherds?

Talk about a family or person you can do something special for this week, to show them that Jesus was a gift sent for everyone.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, what a night that must have been! The birth of Jesus! Angels praising You! Shepherds telling everyone what they saw! People being amazed at what they heard! Thank You for the good news about Jesus. Thank You for sending a Savior. This week, as we celebrate Christmas with our family and friends, remind us why we're celebrating—because a Savior has been born to us, and His name is Jesus! Amen."

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Key Question

How are you celebrating Christmas this year?

Activity

Sing-Along Christmas Song

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Challenge your child to a contest to see who can remember the most Christmas songs and their lyrics.

The game starts by one of you singing the "hook" of a Christmas song. For example, sing, "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer," then pause. The other person has 10 seconds to think of another Christmas song and sing its "hook" back.

Go back and forth until you run out of Christmas songs to sing. Don't forget to declare a winner (the last person to sing a hook).

If neither of you can remember very many Christmas songs, refresh your memory by looking online at titles. Study the songs for a couple of minutes, then play the game.

Talk About the Bible Story

Why do you think there are so many songs about Christmas?

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How can we be like the shepherds? Is there a person in your life who you think could use the message of the Christmas story?

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