

The Big Give: Get wrapped up in Christmas



First, watch this week's video!

Christmas: celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Memory Verse

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."
Luke 2:11, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Is Promised
Isaiah 9:6-7

Bottom Line

God always has a plan.

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

Activity

Promise Keepers

What You Need:

Writing utensil and paper

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game with you.

Say, "What are some promises that you'd like to keep?"

If they're stumped, here are a few suggestions:

- brushing teeth regularly
- being kind
- helping clean
- doing homework
- reading Bible

Make a list of your child's promises on the sheet of paper. Then say, "Here are a few promises I'd like to keep." On the same sheet of paper, list out your promises. Once both of you have listed all your promises, take turns with your child acting out your promises. (*mime brushing their teeth, etc.*)

Say, "In our story today, we heard about a BIG promise that came true for us, didn't we?"

Talk About the Bible Story

What was the promise that God made to us? (*To send a Savior to us*)

Did God keep the promise? How? (*Yes, God sent us Jesus*)

What was God's plan for Jesus? (*That Jesus would make a way for us to have a relationship with God*)

Do you trust that God has a plan for your life? Why?

Parent: Share a personal story about how you had to trust God's plan for your life.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for reminding us today that You have a perfect plan. Help our family remember that You sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with You. And because we can have a relationship with You, we can trust Your plan. Help us to trust You. Remind us that You are always there for us, no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Key Question

What are your plans for Christmas?

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

Activity

Instant Messenger

What You Need:

two paper plates (or sheets of white paper); decorating supplies (markers, glue, glitter, crayons); tape; two pieces of ribbon, each about 8" long

What You Do:

Invite your child to make a Christmas ornament with you—one that represents the angel who brought the news of Jesus' birth.

Start by decorating one side of the paper plate. Bend the paper plate into a megaphone shape (a cone, with the decorated side facing OUT). Then, tape the shape into place.

While you make your megaphone ornaments, use the section below to have a conversation with your child about today's story.

When you're finished with your ornaments, attach the ribbon to the megaphone with tape, to create a loop for hanging. Then, hang your megaphones on the tree (or somewhere you can easily see them).

Talk About the Bible Story

What was God's plan for Jesus?

When you think about how God had a plan all along, does it help you feel confident that God has a plan for you too? Why or why not?

How can you trust that God has a plan for YOUR life?

Parent: Share a story about a time when you had difficulty trusting God's plan for your life. How did you handle it? What happened in the end?



Prayer

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

"Dear God, Thank you for always having a plan. It's amazing how You had a plan all along to bring peace and restoration to this world. I know You have a plan for us too. Help us to trust You no matter what. In Jesus' name, Amen."