

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Read: Psalm 33:11

DAY

1

God's Plan

Christmas is the season to celebrate God's master plan of bringing a forever King into the world! Grab some friends or family members and plan your Christmas fun. What are you going to do to celebrate Jesus' birth? Who are you going to invite to join you?

LOOK for ways that you can invite others into celebrating Jesus!

DAY

3

Stand Firm Forever

This week's verse talks about the Lord's plans and how it will last forever. Read the verse aloud with your parent. After you get the hang of it, sing the words of the verse to a Christmas tune! (Some fun options: Jingle Bells, Dashing Through the Snow)

THANK God that His plans are perfect!

DAY

2

Plan For Fun

Take your ideas from yesterday and put them into action! Make some calls, write some cards and walk through your neighborhood inviting friends and family to join you in your Christmas festivities sharing the love of Jesus!

KNOW that inviting others to hear about Jesus can change their plans for the better!

DAY

4

Prayer

Ask God to help you see the perfect plan God has for you. You can pray something like this:

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 "Dear God, Thank you for sending your son, Jesus to Earth to start your perfect plan. I pray that I can see your plan for my life. Show me what to do and where to go. Amen"  
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ASK God to be with you and in your plans.

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DAY 1

Read Micah 5:2

It's December and you know what that means? It's almost Christmas! Grab a piece of paper and set a timer for one minute. Write down everything you think about when you think about Christmas.

What did you write down? There are so many wonderful things about Christmas. But we can't forget the most important thing: Jesus, God's greatest gift.

God made a promise to send a Savior. And long before Jesus was born, God told Micah to share this special message with the people: out of the small town of Bethlehem, a Savior would be born! God always had a plan to send us Jesus.

Christmas is about Jesus

Grab a marker and write JESUS in big block letters across your page. Spend some time thanking God for all the wonderful things you love about Christmas. Then ask God to help you focus your attention this year on Jesus, the greatest gift ever.

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 9:6

God had a plan to send us Jesus but when Isaiah spoke these words about Jesus, it would be about 700 years before Jesus was born! Isaiah said that Jesus would be our...

(look back at today's verse and fill in the blanks below):

Wonderful : Jesus will direct and guide us in the right direction.

Mighty : Jesus came to rule and lead with love and compassion, more powerfully than any earthly king.

..... who lives forever:

Jesus was with God in the beginning and will be with us always.

..... who brings peace:

Jesus came to bring peace by dying on the cross and being raised again so that we could have a relationship with God forever.

Jesus is the greatest gift ever given. Of these four descriptions of Jesus, which one is your favorite and why?

DAY 3

Read Isaiah 7:14

What are your plans for Christmas? Maybe everything you're hoping for this Christmas will go according to plan. But maybe, your plans will change.

But, God's plans are different from our plans. When God promises to do something, it's as good as done.

Look back at today's verse. Remember, Isaiah lived 700 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. And yet, this message about a baby being born? It came true. We celebrate Christmas because God always had a plan and that plan was to send Jesus.

Weekly Planning

Look at the calendar below and think about the week ahead. Write in all your plans you know about for this week. As you look at the calendar, thank God for the plan to send Jesus. Ask God to help you make plans that put Jesus first this Christmas season.

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12/7	12/8	12/9
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DAY 4

Read Luke 1:30-31

What would you do if an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in your bedroom? When it happened to Mary, she was terrified. But the angel told her not to fear because Mary had been chosen to help fulfill God's big rescue plan. Though she was scared and unsure, Mary said to the angel, 'May it happen to me just as you have said.' She was ready to take on the challenge ahead because Mary knew that God had chosen her to carry out this plan!

The Angel and Mary

Grab the angel and Mary from your Nativity scene. If you don't have a Nativity scene, any action figures or stuffed animals will do—or you and your family can act out the parts yourselves! Read Luke 1:26-38. Write out a script retelling this part of the Christmas story. Select different voices for each character (Mary and the angel). Use the nativity characters to act out the scene you've written. Have an older sibling or family member record it on video to share with your family. If you have the capability, add music or sound effects too.

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Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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December _____
2022

Week One
4th-5th



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:
- Go to bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePretteen and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.
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2. You learned:
- Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!
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3. You'd like to know:
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Day 2

Read Isaiah 9:6-7

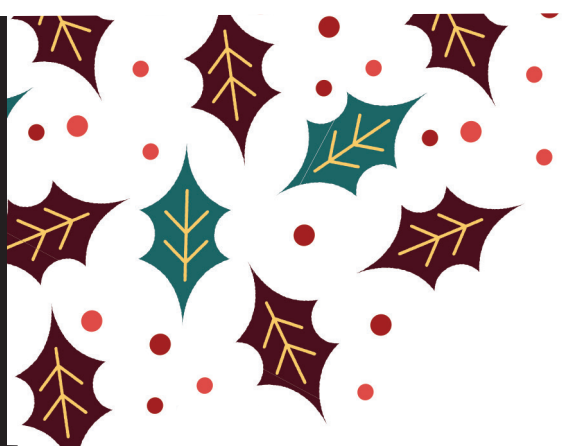
As you read Isaiah 9:6-7, circle all of the words that are descriptors of who the Savior would be. (Hint: Don't miss out on words like "child.")

Next, underline all of the phrases describing what the Savior would do.

It might have seemed crazy for God's people to hear that a child would be coming. Who could fulfill all of these promises.

But the last line of this passage explains it all. "*The Lord's great love will make sure that happens.*"

From the very beginning, God had a plan. All people would have the chance to be with God forever. God's love would make sure that happened! And it did through Jesus!



Day 4

God always has a plan.

Think about the best news you ever got, besides hearing about Jesus. What was the best news for you?

When you got that great news, how excited were you to tell others about it?



For God's people, the best news they got was that God had a plan to send a Savior to rescue them! And that plan of God's is the best news any of us could receive!

Sometimes it's hard for us to share the good news about God's plan with others. It's understandable to be nervous since we don't know how people will respond, but we need to remember that it really is great news for everyone to hear.

Go and ask a parent or a trusted adult if you can practice talking with them about what God is doing in your life. It will become a lot easier talking to others about Jesus the more you practice!

Day 5






What are your plans for Christmas?

Does your family have a plan for celebrating Jesus' birth this Christmas? One way some families celebrate is by creating an Advent calendar. In Advent season, we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, so an Advent calendar has specific ways to recognize each day's passing throughout the season as we wait. Some Advent calendars have verses to read or activities to do, and some just have chocolate or treats.

If your family already has a plan for Advent and Christmas, awesome! If you don't, now is a great time to make a plan that will help your family prepare your hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth. You can focus on just Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—perhaps with plans to attend a church service, share a meal as a family, and read Luke 2 on Christmas morning before opening presents. Or your family might want to make a tradition of reading daily Scripture (there are great reading plans online) or doing simple and fun daily activities leading up to Christmas (like going to look at Christmas lights together, or sending out Christmas cards to friends and family).



Write a few things you plan to do here, and then check them off as you make your plan happen!

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