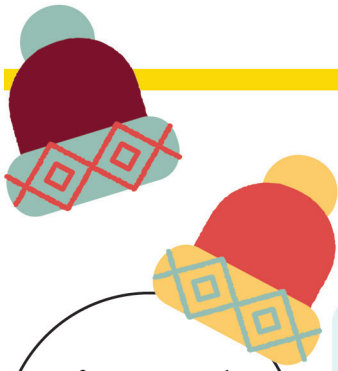


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Christmas:
celebrating
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Memory Verse

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

Bible Story

Zechariah/Elizabeth
and Gabriel/Mary
Luke 1:5-66

Bottom Line

Anything is
possible
with God.

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

Activity

One-Handed Wrapping

What You Need:

Two wrapping paper squares; two bows; tape; two gift tags or labels; two pens; and two boxes (or books) to wrap

What You Do:

Invite your child to a gift-wrapping challenge.

Say, "We're going to challenge each other to see who can wrap their gift the best. But there's a catch—we both can only use one hand! We have to use all the supplies in front of us. Are you ready? Get set. GO!"

Race your child in a one-handed gift-wrapping competition. If there's another family member around, ask them to judge whose gift is best. If not, send photos or video to someone else so they can judge. Crown your wrapping champion!

When you're finished, say, "When we first started that challenge, it seemed impossible, right? But it happened! In our story today, something else happened that seemed impossible at first!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Why did Elizabeth think she wouldn't have a baby?
(Because she was too old)

Why was Mary surprised she would have a baby?
(Because she wasn't ready)

But both Elizabeth and Mary had babies. How was that possible? (Because with God, nothing is impossible)

Parent: Share a story about something that seemed impossible that God did in your life, or in the life of someone you know.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, we know that we don't have to worry, because we can come to You with anything that seems impossible. You promise to be with us and help us through it. Help us remember how You did something that seemed impossible by sending Your Son to be our Savior. It's in Your name we pray, amen."

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Key Question

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Activity

Tic-Tac-Flip

What You Need:

several water bottles; painter's or
masking tape; marker

What You Do:

Using the tape, create a tic-tac-toe
grid on the kitchen counter or a table.
Mark half of the water bottles with
an "X" on the top of the lid, and the
other half with an "O."

Invite your child to play a game with
you. Show them the different water
bottles, and allow them to choose
whether they want to be "Xs" or "Os."

Say, "Let's play flip tic-tac-toe. Here
are the rules. We'll each take turns
trying to flip our water bottles over,
in tic-tac-toe format. The first person
to get three bottles flipped in a row,
wins. Ready, set, go!"

Play as many rounds as you have time
for.

When the game is over, say,
"Flipping a bottle can definitely be
challenging, especially when you're
under pressure! It may have even felt
impossible! Today, we heard about
how anything is possible with God."



Talk About the Bible Story

But both Elizabeth and Mary had babies. How was that
possible? (*Because with God, nothing is impossible*)

What are some of the most amazing things you've ever
seen?

What are some amazing things God has done?

If God doesn't answer our prayers in the way we hope,
does it mean God isn't listening? Why or why not?

When things seem impossible, how does it help us
to think about other times when God has done the
impossible?

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someone you know.*



Prayer

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

"God, thank You for all the things that You have done in
our lives that seemed impossible at the time. You are
our Mighty God, and You can do anything! Help us to
remember that. Thank You for giving us our family. It's
so important to have people that we can share with and
pray with. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."