

# Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Read: John 3:16

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## Giving Gifts

This season is perfect for giving gifts to others. Some of the best gifts aren't things you can hold in your hand. Sometimes the best gifts are what you can do for others. Pick someone in your home that you can give the gift of your time to. Is it helping your sister clean her room? Or helping mom wrap gifts for neighbors? What is a gift you are excited to give this week?

**LOOK for ways that you can be a gift to others.**

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## Best Gift Ever

Jesus is the best gift ever! God sent Jesus to Earth to change everything. Jesus came at just the right time. Listen to the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story,

**KNOW that Jesus came at just the right time and was the perfect gift.**

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## For The Whole World

Read through this week's verse. Grab a ball and some friends. Sit in a circle and pass the ball around as you say the verse. If the ball is in your hands when the verse is done, you are out. Do this until you have a winner.

**THANK God for sending Jesus into this world.**

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## The Greatest Gift

Jesus is the greatest gift to the world. Talk to Jesus now about how you can share His story this Christmas.

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"Dear Jesus, I am so glad that you were born. I pray that this Christmas I can share your story with others. I pray that they can see how good you are and that you love them always. Help me clearly show them your love. Amen"

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**ASK Jesus to give you the chance to tell others about Him this Christmas.**

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## DAY 1

### Read John 3:16

Christmas is just around the corner. Maybe you have a tree up where you live or go to school. It could be that you're starting to see wrapped gifts appear under the tree for the people in your family. It's so fun to give gifts at Christmas time!

We give gifts because God gave us the best gift ever. When we put our trust in Jesus and what He's done for us, we're accepting God's gift! When you believe in Him you have or receive a relationship with God forever.

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#### Best. Gift. Ever.

Write out this verse on a piece of paper and illustrate it any way you choose. Then, wrap it up in a box with a gift tag that reads "FOR: EVERYONE." On Christmas morning, select one member of your family to open the gift and read the verse together. Talk about the real reason you celebrate this very special day because Jesus is the greatest gift.

## DAY 2

### Read Luke 2:7

Did you catch the part that talks about Mary wrapping baby Jesus in large strips of cloth? In ancient times, babies were swaddled in yards and yards of white cotton or linen cloth. Jewish mothers believed that if they swaddled their babies tightly in this way, their arms and legs would grow straight and strong!

This little detail from the night Jesus was born is a big reminder that Jesus, though He was God's one and only Son, came to earth as a tiny, helpless baby. Just like any baby, Jesus needed Mary and Joseph to care for Him.

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#### Swaddle Me

Grab a big blanket. Ask your Mom or Dad to demonstrate how they swaddled you as a baby. It's probably a lot harder to wrap you up this way at your age! As you laugh through this silly assignment, talk about how God chose to send Jesus as a baby, the greatest gift of all.

### DAY 3

#### Read Galatians 4:4

When the time was right, God sent Jesus to save the whole world. But He didn't come down from the clouds on a golden chariot surrounded by an army of angels.

Jesus came as a baby, like us. It's why Isaiah said Jesus would be called Immanuel which means God with us. By becoming like us, Jesus not only understands what it's like to be human, he also made a way for all of us to be forgiven.

#### Countdown to Christmas

Write out today's verse on a card and read it as a family Christmas morning. As you prepare for the big day, remember that Jewish people had been preparing for this day for generations because Jesus is the greatest gift!

### DAY 4

#### Read John 1:14

When John talks about "the Word," he was talking about Jesus! Write "Jesus" in the blanks below and read the verse aloud.

"..... became a human being. He made his home with us. We have seen his glory. It is the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father. And ..... is full of grace and truth." John 1:14

When God sent Jesus to earth as a baby, Jesus became like us. That means Jesus experienced what life is like in our shoes. He knows what it's like to be happy and sad, scared and peaceful. On top of that, Jesus came to make a way for us to have life forever with God.

#### Grace and Truth

Draw a heart around the word grace and a cross over the word truth in the verse above. Then stop and pray and thank God for sending Jesus for you, the greatest gift ever given.

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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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Day 1

Go to [bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePretteen](https://bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePretteen) and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.  
Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:  
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2. You learned:  
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3. You'd like to know:  
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## Day 2

### Read Luke 2:1-7

Before you get out your Bible to read Luke 2:1-7, try seeing how much of this much-told story you can recall from memory. Fill in the blanks as best you can, then check your work against the Bible. (Note: Check biblegateway.com if you have a different translation other than NIV.)

In those days, Caesar Augustus made a \_\_\_\_\_. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world.<sup>2</sup> It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria.<sup>3</sup> Everyone went to their own \_\_\_\_\_ to be listed.<sup>4</sup> So Joseph went also. He went from the town of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>5</sup> He went there with \_\_\_\_\_ to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby.<sup>6</sup> While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born.<sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her first baby. It was a \_\_\_\_\_. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a \_\_\_\_\_. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

The story of Christmas—when Jesus was born—may be a familiar one, but that doesn't change the joy that comes when we remember that **Jesus is the greatest gift.**



## Day 4

### Jesus is the greatest gift.

It can be easy this time of year to get caught up in the gift-giving frenzy. And there's nothing wrong with giving or receiving gifts at Christmas—in fact, it can be a fun way to celebrate, and a good reminder that **Jesus is the greatest gift.**

But how do we keep our focus on Jesus in the middle of all the presents and parties? A great way to remind us that Jesus is the greatest gift is to share the Christmas story with others.

This could be sitting down with your family to read Luke 2:1-7 together and talking about what the story of Jesus means to you.

It could mean looking for ways to share the good news of Christmas with others, like placing candy canes in your neighbor's mailboxes wrapped in a piece of paper that says, "Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!"

Or it could be simply going to a Christmas service where you can celebrate that Jesus is the greatest gift with your family and friends.

Wherever you go and whatever you do this week, saying a simple, "Merry Christmas!" to everyone you encounter can help you remember that **Jesus is the greatest gift.**



"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus truly is the greatest gift, because His death and resurrection means that I can live with You forever when I put my trust in You. Help me today and every day to remember what Christmas really means and to celebrate Jesus, the greatest gift. In His Name, I pray. Amen."



## Day 5

### What are you excited about giving?

Christmas is just a few days away now... **What are you excited about giving?**

Even if you don't have a lot—or any—money to give anyone a gift, there are things you can do to show the people around you that you love them and also remind them of Jesus, God's greatest gift! You can do things like...

- Make a coupon book to give to your parents that has extra chores or things they can redeem (like a hug) at any time throughout the next year.
- Write a note to your favorite teacher telling her why you're thankful for her.
- If you're crafty, make homemade gifts for your friends like clay creations or friendship bracelets.
- Bake Christmas cookies for your neighbors.

Whether your gift is store bought or homemade, be sure and include a card with the reminder that Jesus is the greatest gift.