

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

Shepherds
and Angels
Luke 2:8-20

Bottom Line

The good news
is for everyone.

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

Activity

MegaPHONE a Friend

What You Need:

white paper; marker; decorative
supplies (markers, glitter, stickers)

What You Do:

Before you begin, use the marker
to draw the outline of a large
megaphone on the white sheet of
paper. (Or download a "megaphone
outline" from the internet and print
it out.)

Invite your child to do a craft with
you. Together with your child,
decorate the megaphone and then
roll it up.

While you and your child decorate
your megaphone, ask the following
questions:

- What do people use a
megaphone for? (*making an
announcement*)
- Who gave an announcement in
our story today? (*the angel*)
- What does it mean when people
say, "share the good news?"
(*telling others about Jesus*)
- Who is this good news for?
(*everyone*)

When your child is finished, say,
"Let's hang this in your room to
remind us that the good news is for
everyone."

Talk About the Bible Story

Who did the angels share the good news with? (*the
shepherds*)

How do you think the shepherds felt when the angels
told them about Jesus? (*excited; shocked*)

What are some ways we can share about Jesus with
our friends? (*We can tell them what Jesus did; we can
treat them with love like Jesus did.*)

*Parent: Share about a time you invited a friend or
family member who did not know Jesus to church
with you, or to a community event. Were you
nervous? How did God give you the courage to open
up to the other person?*



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so
we can be friends with You forever. Jesus laid down
His life to pay for our sin. He defeated death and came
back to life so we can have a restored relationship with
You. Help us share the good news about Jesus with
others. We love You, amen."

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Key Question

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you can share
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Message Mix-Up

What You Need:

paper; printer (or writing utensil);
scissors

What You Do:

Print out (or write down) the following
Christmas song lyrics. (You may want to
print out two copies so that you have a
reference sheet.)

Then, cut out each individual lyric line.
Finally, cut the lyric lines at the "/" mark,
to divide up each lyric. Mix together all
the halved lyrics lines, and invite your
child to match up the lyrics with you.

If you need help, check the reference
sheet. When you've matched all the
lyrics, say, "That was a lot of fun! There
are many different ways to deliver
messages. In today's story, we heard
about a very important message that was
delivered with a very specific purpose."

Lyrics:

- "Oh, what fun it is / to ride in a
one-horse open sleigh."
- "Joyful, all ye nations rise, / join the
triumph of the skies."
- "Sing, choirs of angels. / Sing in
exultation."
- "Go tell it on the mountain / over
the hills and everywhere."
- "A thrill of hope, / the weary world
rejoices."
- "Feliz navidad. / Prospero año y
felicidad."

Talk About the Bible Story

How do you think the shepherds felt when the angel
told them about Jesus?

Why does it matter whether or not we share the
good news?

Does anything hold you back from telling people
about Jesus? If so, why?

What are some ways we can share about Jesus with
our friends? (*We can tell them what Jesus did; we
can treat them with love like Jesus did.*)

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"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to us. There
is no greater gift that we will ever receive! Help us
to be brave and bold enough to tell others about
You, and to invite them into our community. Thank
You for the super-fun celebration that Christmas
is. Keep our hearts focused on You today and every
day. In Jesus' name, Amen."