

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Read: Mark 16:15



DAY
1

Hello Good News!

When God told everyone about Jesus' birth, the news didn't go to kings or people in charge. God used angels to announce it to shepherds on a quiet hillside. Play a game of telephone to tell others that Jesus is born! Make up some quick phrases to pass along or use these: Jesus is born! The King has come! Mary gave birth to Jesus!

LOOK for ways that you can tell others about Jesus' birth!



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2

Go and Tell the World

Make the planet Earth, either by drawing it or making some awesome creation! After making the world, write the names of people that you know that you want to tell about Jesus on it. Think about what you will tell them. Think about if there's anyone you can tell about Jesus today!

KNOW that you can share Jesus' story with anyone!

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3

Preach

Mark 16:15 talks about preaching (or telling) the good news of Jesus to everyone! Read the verse out loud. Practice your verse this week as a reminder to share the good news of Jesus.

THANK God for writing the good news story!

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For Every One!

The story of Jesus' birth, life and death is for everyone. Throughout our lives we will get the opportunity to tell others about Jesus. Pray and ask God to give you the courage and words to share the good news when you can.

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"Dear Jesus, thank you for living and dying in a way that makes your story good news! I pray that when I get the chance, I will have the courage to tell others about your story. I pray that they can hear and learn that you are for them too! Amen"  
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ASK Jesus to help you bravely share His good news.



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DAY 1

Read Luke 2:9–10

On the night Jesus was born, God sent an angel to appear to a group of shepherds watching over their flocks outside of town. And they were terrified. But the angel didn't want them to be afraid because they came to share the best news ever—Jesus was born! And that good news is still the best new ever!

Who Do You Know?

Grab some paper, a pen and set a timer for 2 minutes. As the timer runs, make a list of all the people you know. When the time is up, write your name at the bottom of the list. Then, read today's verse aloud filling in the blank with all the names on your list, including yours!

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you GOOD news. It will bring great joy for'" Luke 2:10

DAY 2

Read Luke 2:11

As we celebrate Christmas this week, we also get to celebrate Jesus, our Messiah who restores our relationship with God. And that is a gift for EVERYONE!

With an adult's permission, create some salt dough ornaments to hang on your Christmas tree using the recipe below. Write out today's verse on a strip of paper and punch a hole in the top. Run a piece of yarn or twine through an ornament and the verse strip to hang on the tree.

Salt Dough Ornaments
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup salt
1 ½ cups warm water

Mix the flour and salt together, then slowly add the warm water. Once dough starts to come together, use your hands to knead dough until smooth. Roll out the dough with a rolling pin until thin, about 1/8 of an inch. Use cookie cutters to create your favorite Christmas shapes and punch a small hole at the top with a straw for hanging. Create different patterns on the surface of each ornament with a fork, straw, a pair of scissors etc. Move the ornaments to a cookie sheet and bake at 300 degrees for about an hour. Once completely cool, decorate any way you choose.

DAY 3

Read 1 John 5:11

Why is Christmas such a big deal? Jesus was born and grew up to point people to God. Jesus changed the lives of everyone who chose to follow Him. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can have a relationship with God forever!



Word Search

Find the words from today's verse in the puzzle below.

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DAY 4

Read John 10:11

Did you know that sheep are mentioned more than any other animal in the Bible? How many times would you guess? Write it down in the blank below:

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**See the answer in the TINY print at the bottom of today's devotional*

Sheep are pretty defenseless. They rely on their shepherd to protect them. Jesus compares Himself to a good shepherd who does everything He can to keep the sheep safe.



All We Like Sheep

Why are there sheep in the nativity scene? Who were the first people to hear the good news about Jesus' birth?

Read John 10:11 to your family. ASK:

Why do you think Jesus calls himself the "good" shepherd?

How does Jesus define a shepherd who is "good" in this verse?

What did Jesus do to prove He is our good shepherd?

Over 500 times

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for everyone.

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

After watching, write one thing that:

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

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!



Day 2

Read Luke 2:8-20

Read Luke 2:8-20 out loud. If you like to perform, you can invite others in to hear the story, but you can also just go in your room and shut the door if you'd prefer.

Read through the story of when the angels came and told the shepherds the good news that Jesus had been born. But don't just read it in your "reading voice," use lots of drama and theatrics—after all, the scene in the field that night was a drama!

You might feel silly, but just go with it and have fun. After all, this is good news!

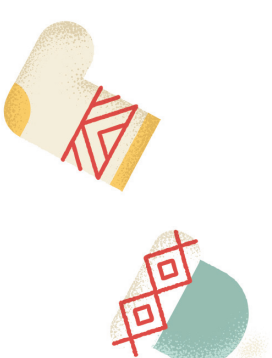


Day 4

The good news is for everyone.

Jesus born to be our Savior is truly good news, and it is good news for everyone. Take a look at the star you made yesterday. Pick one of the people and figure out a way to share the good news with them today. It could be as simple as sending them a text or message that you're praying for them and wanted them to remember that Jesus loves them. Or you could do a random act of kindness anonymously, and just leave a note that has John 3:16 written on it and a message such as, "God loves you and so do I!"

Perhaps most of the people in your life already know the good news. But there is always someone who can use the reminder that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus to be their Savior. Find that person and simply tell them that truth!



Day 5

What are some ways you can share the good news?

Sharing the good news with others that Jesus was born doesn't have to be complicated or scary.



There are so many ways you can share this good news. Pick one of the ways below and follow through today—or write your own idea down. Something that makes sense for you and your personality and passions.

- Write a song and record it/share it on YouTube (with a parent's permission)
- Do something kind for someone—when they ask why you did it, explain that you just wanted to pass on the love you've received from Jesus
- Invite a friend who doesn't attend church to go to church with you in the new year
- Make a playlist of your favorite songs about Jesus and His love and share it with your friends

Or, who do you know that already knows the good news, but still might need a reminder of how much God loves them?

Draw a similar star onto a sheet of paper, and in each corner, write a person's name who needs to know or be reminded that Jesus came to be our Savior.

As you write their name, pray for them and ask God to bless them and to give you opportunities to share the good news with them.

Then tape or hang the star somewhere in your room to remind you to keep praying for these people and to take every opportunity to share the good news with them!

