

Deck the Halls: Countdown to Christmas



Use this guide to help your family
learn why we celebrate Christmas.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Christmas:
Celebrating
Jesus, God's
greatest gift

Memory Verse

"A child will be
born to us. A son
will be given to us."
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Is Promised
Micah 5:2,
Isaiah 9:6-7,
Isaiah 7:14-15

Bottom Line

You can have
hope because
God is faithful.

Activity

Unbreakable

What You Need:

Pan or tray, towel, and various items in
your home that won't break (example:
spoon, wooden block, plastic toy, etc.)

What You Do:

Place all of the items on the tray and
cover it with the towel. Tell your
child that you'll uncover the tray
for 10 seconds. They should try to
remember as many of the items as
possible.

Uncover the tray, count to 10, then
recover it. Then have your child name
as many of the items as they can.

Repeat the process again, and see if
your child can remember any items
that they forgot in the first round.

When you're finished, say, "Good job
remembering those items! Did you
notice something that all of those
objects have in common? (*Pause for
response.*) What would happen if I
dropped them on the floor? They
wouldn't break!" (*Drop one of the
objects on the floor.*)

"Just like these objects, promises
are meant not to be broken. But
promises aren't always easy to keep,
are they? Today, we heard about a
promise that God made, and KEPT,
a long time ago."

Talk About the Bible Story

What promise did God make that we heard about
today? (*The promise to send a Savior—Jesus*)

How was Jesus a gift for all of us? (*He was sent to
save us from our sin*)

Open the Bible together and read the following
passages: Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2, and Isaiah 7:14-15

*Parent: Share why these promises in Isaiah and Micah
are important to you. How does it help you trust God
to know that God has kept promises in the past?*



Prayer

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

"Dear God, we love You. Thanks for never making a
promise that You don't keep! We love Christmas
because it's the time we celebrate Jesus, Your
greatest gift. Thank You for keeping Your promise to
send us a Savior. We know that we can have hope
because You are faithful, always. Help us to trust You
more and more. We love You, and we pray these things
in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Key Question

What are you
hoping for?

Activity

Stack 'Em Up

What You Need:

Several plastic cups that are all the same size, phone timer

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Place the plastic cups on a hard surface. Challenge your child to build a tower using the plastic cups. Set a timer for one minute.

Have your child take down the tower and play another round. This time, give your child 30 seconds to build their tower.

Play one more round. This time, give your child 15 seconds to build their tower.

When you're finished, say, "You're really great at building those towers! The thing about cup towers is they're not strong like real towers. You can knock them down with your hand. You could probably even knock them down by blowing them down! Today, we heard about a promise that God made that was NOT a flimsy promise. It was strong and true."

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How was Jesus a gift for all of us? (*He was sent to save us from our sin*)

How does the birth of Jesus give us hope? (*Because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God that will last forever*)

Aside from gifts, what are you hoping for this Christmas?

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