

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Read: Jeremiah 29:11

DAY

1

Song of Joy!

After Mary heard she was going to be Jesus' mom, she sang a song of joy! Choose your favorite worship song and turn it up loud! Dance, sing, and celebrate all that God has done!

KNOW that God has a plan.

DAY

2

God's Plans

We often have hopes and dreams for our life and so does God! God has plans way better than ours, but we still get to dream. Grab some paper and draw a picture of a dream that you have!

THANK God for knowing the best plan for you!

DAY

3

Hope For Years

In Jeremiah 29:11, we read God's promise to the Israelites. God had a plan for their lives, and God has a plan for ours too! Read through this week's verse again. Make up motions for the verse and use these motions to help you remember it this week.

ASK God for peace, because God has a plan for you!

DAY

4

Way Better

Yesterday, you drew a picture of a dream that you have for your life. Talk to God about your dream. Allow God to be part of your plan. You can pray something like this:

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 "Dear God, You have the best plan for my life. My dream is to (fill in your dream here). Help me to see and trust in Your plan. I love You, God, and thank You for having plans for me. Amen."  
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LOOK for God's good plan in your life.

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DAY 1

Read Luke 1:28–29

How do you think you would react if an angel suddenly appeared in front of you? Would you be scared? Maybe even surprised?

When the angel appeared to Mary, she was both of those things. She was upset because she didn't understand what was happening and she was surprised that God would choose her for such an important role.

But Gabriel's answer was simple, "Do not be afraid."

The same is true for you. When you are scared or confused or unsure, you need to remember one big truth: God is with you. You can have peace, even when you're uncertain, because God is in control and has a plan.

Ask God to help you remember that you are not alone, even when you feel sad, scared, surprised, or any other emotion you may feel. God is with you!

DAY 2

Read Luke 1:30–31

The angel saw that Mary was afraid and put her fears to rest saying, "God thinks you're awesome! And you've been chosen to be a BIG part of God's plan to send a Savior."

If you have a nativity set at your house, grab the Mary figurine and take a careful look. If not, draw a picture of Mary. Can you imagine how Mary must have felt in the moment the angel appeared to her? She probably had an idea of how her life would go—and this likely wasn't it.

But God's plans are always bigger and better than ours. God thinks you're awesome, and the plan God has for your life is awesome too. When you ask God, "What's your plan for me?" you can have peace—a deep-down feeling that everything will be okay. God's plan might not look like any plan you'd come up with on your own. But you can start, right now, asking God to show you the plans for your life.



DAY 3

Read Luke 1:32–33

The angel promised that Jesus would be great, a king like David. But Jesus wouldn't rule like any earthly king. His authority and power wouldn't be limited to a certain time or place, because Jesus is the King of ALL kings. His rule will never end.

When the angel spoke these words to Mary, she may not have fully understood what they meant. And yet, she still trusted in God's plan for her. She felt peace because she knew that God loved her.

Four-Panel Christmas

Grab your paper from last week. In the next box, write the word "PEACE" in large block letters. Color the background in cool colors, like blues, greens, and purples, to create a feeling of calm. Thank God for planning to send a Savior, for loving us enough to follow through with that plan, and for the good things God has in store for you as you follow God.

DAY 4

Read Luke 1:37–38

Mary was going about her business when an angel suddenly appeared right in front of her! And this angel named Gabriel had a message. She was going to have a baby who would be the Son of God!

God did keep that promise to Mary and to all of us. God sent Jesus, God's one and only Son. Though Mary was surprised and unsure, she trusted God and the plan God had for her. And we can remember that too. Even when we don't know how things will work out, we can have peace because God has a plan.

What's The Plan?

On a piece of paper, write down three things you plan to do this month. Fold it and put it in a spot you can't see every day. On a separate sheet of paper write down three more things you plan to do or accomplish this month. Place the other sheet somewhere you can see it every day. At the end of the month check back to see which list you completed more. When you keep things in front of you they are easier to remember. When you continue to follow God's plan for your life, it becomes easier to remember that **you can have peace because God has a plan.**



**You can have peace
because God has a plan.**

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS THIS CHRISTMAS?

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CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATING JESUS,
GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

Day 1

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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Watch this week's episode of
The So & So Show by going to:
<https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome>
Even if you already saw it at church,
feel free to check it out again!

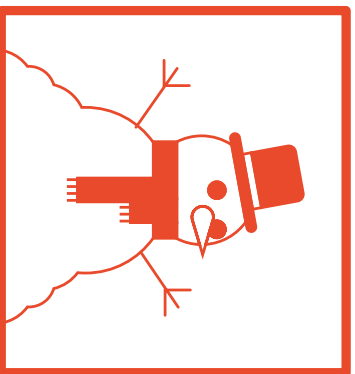


Day 2

Read Luke 1:26-56

Read through Luke 1:26-56. On a separate sheet of paper, draw emojis that represent the emotions you think that Mary was likely feeling as she learned about the plan God had for her.

Notice how Mary's emotions change as she learns more and more of God's plan from the angel. And then when her cousin confirms God's plan to make Mary the mother of the Son of God, her peace overflows into a song!



Day 3

You can have peace because God has a plan.

Christmas is an exciting time, but it can also be hard, especially knowing there's a new year around the corner with lots of expectations. But **you can have peace because God has a plan**, including for you! In fact, God tells us this through the apostle Paul who wrote this in the first half of Romans 8:28: *"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."* (NIV)

Read the prayer below that is based on Romans 8:28.

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**Dear God,** I know that in all things, You work for my good because I love You. Even though I don't know what 2024 and beyond will bring, I know I can have peace because You have a plan for me. Please help me to look to the future with excitement, joy, and peace, knowing that You have a plan for me that is better than anything I could imagine. In Jesus' Name, I pray. **Amen.**

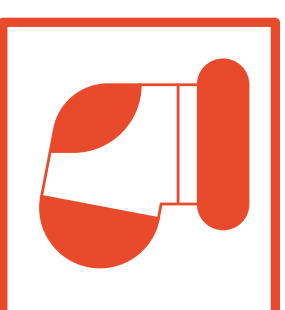
## Day 4

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**Ask a parent if you can buy some miniature candy canes or other small Christmas treat.**

Then take the candy to school (if allowed), or sports practice, or another group you're a part of, and hand out the candy. As you do, ask each person, **"What are your plans this Christmas?"**

As you talk with your friends, remind them of the truth that **you can have peace because God has a plan** – for you and for them too!



## Day 5

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**Get a blank sheet of paper and a pencil and draw the word PEACE in bubble letters.**

Then use scissors to cut out the letters. Use markers or colored pencils to write on the letters (bonus if you have green and red markers or colored pencils!). Write down some of the things that may worry you about your future. As God reveals more and more of the plans for your life, add those to the letters too. Tape the letters to your bathroom mirror or bedroom door and keep adding to them as you discover more and more about the plan that God has for you!

