

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Read: 1 John 4:10



DAY

1

For Everyone!

God's love is for everyone! God created each person to be different and special. This week, at a meal, go around the table and share what you love about each other.

LOOK for ways you can share God's love with the people around you.

DAY

3

What Love Is

Read 1 John 4:10 about what love is. Using this verse, retell the story of God sending Jesus to earth. Why did God send Jesus? Who did God send Jesus for?

THANK God for loving us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior.

DAY

2

Shepherds and Angels

Read the Bible story of the shepherds and angels in Luke 2:8-20. Reenact your favorite parts of the story. Tell others what your favorite part of the story is!

KNOW that you can share this story with everyone!

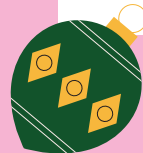
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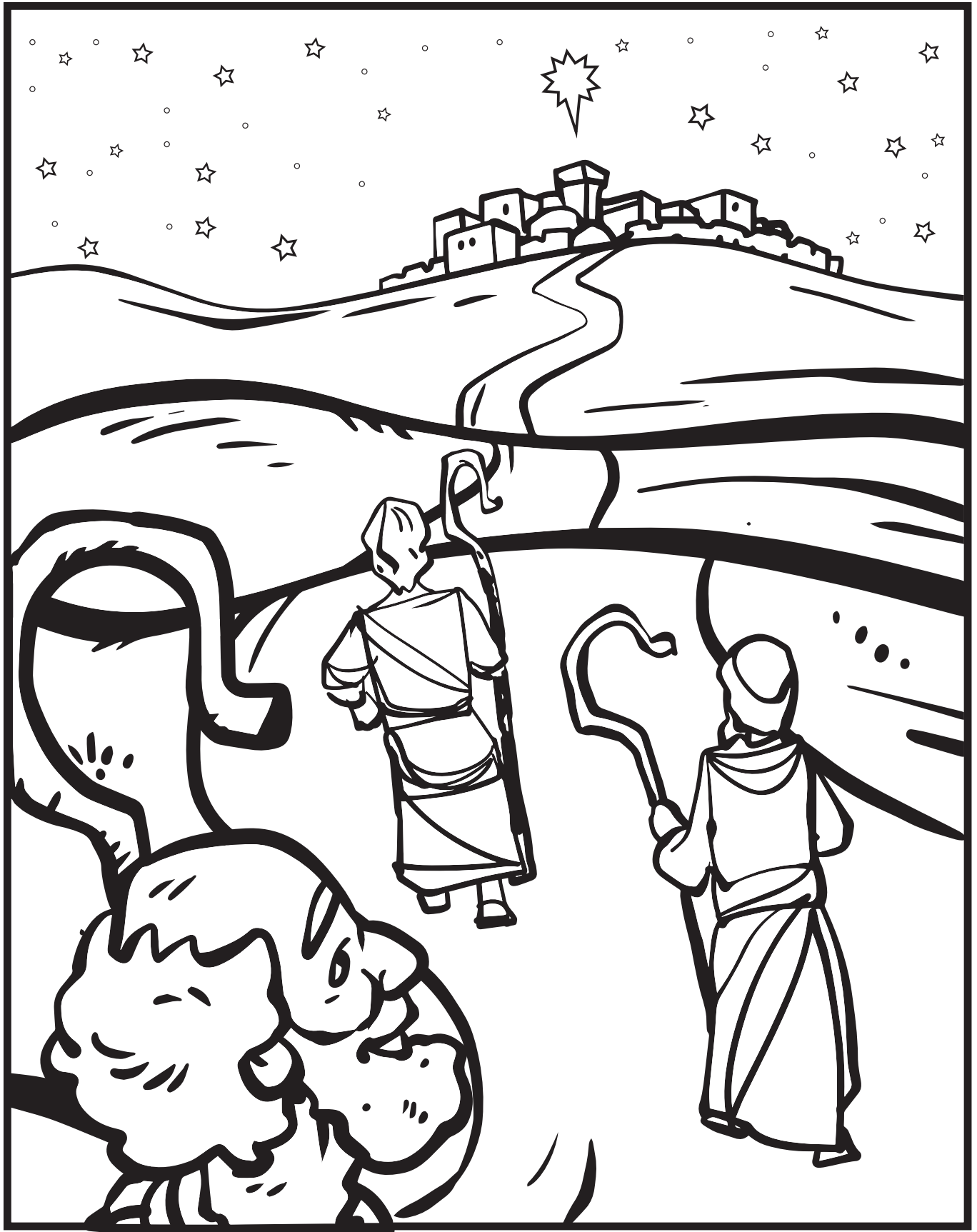
Share What You Love

God shared Jesus with everyone. Praying is one way we get to show our love to God. Let's thank God for sending Jesus. "Dear God, thank You so much for sending Jesus to earth. Please help me to tell others about Him this holiday. Thank You for showing us what love is. I love you, God. Amen."

ASK God to help you share love with the people around you.



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Read Luke 2:8–10

When the angel appeared to the shepherds tending their sheep, they were terrified! They probably had never seen one before and didn't know what to think. But the angel hadn't come to scare them. The angel had good news. Jesus was finally here! The promised Savior had arrived.

This good news would be for ALL people. Jesus came so that we could all be part of God's story, to show that God's love is for everyone.

If you had been one of the shepherds, how would you have responded to an angel appearing out of nowhere? Draw a face to show your reaction.

Why do you think God chose to announce Jesus' birth to a bunch of shepherds living in a field nearby?

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If you had a big announcement, who would you tell first and why?

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DAY 2

Read Luke 2:11–12

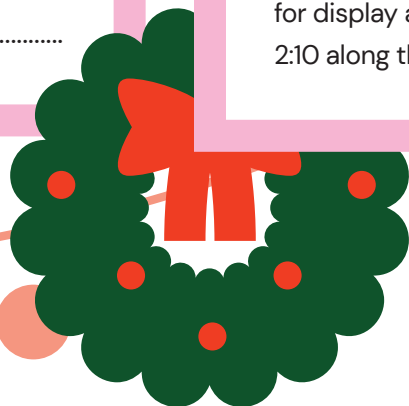
God sent an angel, then an army of angels to share the BIG news of Jesus' birth. But the angels didn't appear to a powerful king or religious leader. God sent an angel to a field full of hardworking shepherds. And that angel said, *"Today in the town of David a SAVIOR has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."*

A Savior has been born to who? To you! Jesus didn't come just for the rich or famous or popular or smart people. God sent Jesus to show that God's love is for everyone.



Angel Army

Grab some plastic spoons, a permanent marker, foil, clear tape, and a flat box. Draw a face on the back of each spoon with the marker. Then, fold several small pieces of foil back and forth, accordion style. Tape the foil pieces around the back of the spoon, leaving the face visible. The foil will remind you of the radiance of the angels that appeared in the night sky. Stick your angel army into the box for display and write out the words of Luke 2:10 along the front of the box.



DAY 3

Read Luke 2:16–18

When the shepherds heard the news, they took off toward town, excited to see this special baby. When they found everything just as the angel had said, they were filled with joy! They couldn't wait to tell everyone about Jesus' birth. It was the best news ever. God wants you to share this good news with others too—because God's love is for everyone! So, who will you tell?

Four-Panel Christmas

Grab your four-panel picture. In the last box, write the word "LOVE" in large block letters. Draw different sized hearts in red or pink marker all around the word "LOVE." Sit down with a family member or friend and share your completed Christmas drawing. Talk about how we can have HOPE because God is faithful, PEACE because God has a plan, JOY because God sent Jesus, and know that God's LOVE is for everyone.

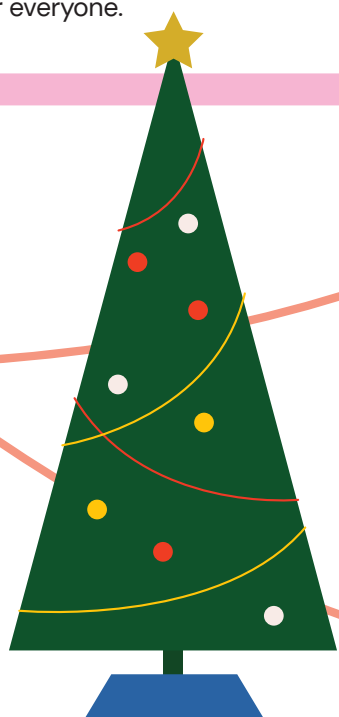
DAY 4

Read John 3:16

This verse is what the Bible is all about. God loved you. So God did what people who love do: God gave. What did God give? Jesus, God's one and only Son. Why? Because Jesus came to save us from our sin, or the wrong things we do. And when we believe in Him, we can have a relationship with God forever. Jesus' birth, which we celebrate on Christmas, is a really big deal because it showed God's love is for everyone.

John 3:16: Illustrated Edition

Grab a piece of paper and illustrate this verse, any way you'd like. You can draw a heart for love, baby Jesus in a manger for "Son" etc. When finished, give your drawing to a family member or friend. Then tell them about how Jesus' birth means that everyone can be a part of God's story because God's love is for everyone.



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Journal

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

HOW CAN
YOU SHARE
GOD'S
LOVE THIS
CHRISTMAS?

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December
2023

December 2023 Week Four
4th-5th



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

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!

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

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A Devotional on Christmas.

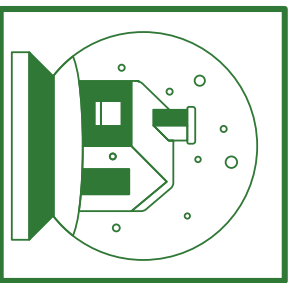
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Day 2

Read Luke 2:8-20

Grab some paper or a posterboard and markers or crayons. Read Luke 2:8-20 and as you read, create a drawing or scenes of the story that stick out to you the most. If you're able, invite a friend to act out the story with you to share with your family later. Use the pictures you drew to show when you're changing scenes!

It may have been out of your comfort zone to act out today's story but it's actually a great reminder that God's love is for everyone.



Day 3

God's love is for everyone.

But not everyone knows about God's love. Those of us who have felt God's love and put our trust in Jesus have a chance to tell others about how God loves them. That can sound scary to do, so you can ask God for help! Pray this prayer and then see how God brings people into your life that you can share God's love with!

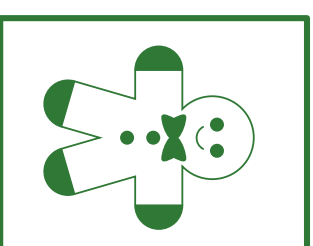
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**Dear God,** thank You for loving me. I know that Your love isn't JUST for me though—it's for everyone! I want all of my friends and family to know this. But sometimes I get scared trying to speak up and tell people about You. So please give me the courage I need to share the great news that God's love is for everyone! Bring people into my life who need to hear the great news, and then help me be brave to share Your love with them! In Jesus' Name, I pray. **Amen.**

## Day 4

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### How can you share God's love this Christmas?

Who is someone you know who needs to hear that God loves them? It could be a close friend or the person who collects your trash. It could be someone who is going through a hard time or someone you see every day. Whoever it is, there is no better time than Christmas to hear about God's love for all. It's the whole reason we even celebrate Christmas—that God loved us enough to send Jesus. So look for a person today who you can encourage with the truth that God loves them. It can be as simple as wishing them a Merry Christmas and saying, "Jesus loves you!"



## Day 5

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### How can you share God's love this Christmas?

Yesterday you shared God's love by telling someone about God's love for them. But did you know that you can share God's love without ever saying a word? The way you live your life can show the world about God's love! You can do something kind for a stranger, like offering to push their cart back into the store or holding the door and making eye contact and smiling. You can let your little brother play with the new toy you got. You can help your parents around the house without being asked.

And sometimes, people will ask you why you did the loving thing that you did. Then you can certainly tell them that you wanted them to know that God loves them!