

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.



DAY 1

Read Luke 2:10-12

When the shepherds looked up to find an actual angel speaking to them, they were terrified! You probably would be too. But the angel told them not to be afraid. He had good news for everyone! Jesus, the one they'd been waiting for, the Savior of the whole world, was finally here.

Jesus came not as a mighty warrior or powerful king but as a helpless baby. Jesus' birth wasn't anything like what they expected but exactly what God had promised and planned.

Do you see the big jumble of letters below? Inside is a secret message! Cross out all the letters in the order you say the alphabet starting with the "A" at the beginning and ending with "Z". Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below in order to reveal the key truth from today's verse.

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Answer: Celebrate Jesus with others.

DAY 2

Read Luke 2:13-14

If Jesus had been born today with ALL the technology available to us, there would be so many ways to tell people all about it. In the space below, write out all the ways you could share the good news about Jesus. We've listed a few ideas to help you get started.

Send a text message

Type up an email to send to all your friends and family

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God chose to send a heavenly choir of angels to share this BIG birth announcement! Ask God to help you tell others the good news about Jesus, just like the shepherds did on that first Christmas. One important way to celebrate Jesus is by letting others know what Christmas is really all about!



DAY 3

Read Luke 2:16

What did the shepherds do when they heard this good news? They took off to find Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus! And just as the angel had promised, they found Jesus, lying in what? A manger! Jesus wasn't placed in a fancy crib or a hospital bed but in a feeding trough for animals.

While it might seem wild to us, Jesus' entrance into the world was very thought out. God wanted the world to know that this gift was for everyone—not just the rich, well-educated, or super-popular people. God sent us Jesus so that everyone would know the love of God. That's why God told the shepherds first. Whether we have a little or a lot, Jesus came for everyone! And that's a reason to celebrate.

Everyone Everywhere

This week, wherever you go, take a look at the people around you. Think about how God knows each person you pass, how each one is important and LOVED by God. That's why Christmas is something to celebrate!

DAY 4

Read Luke 2:17-18

As soon as those shepherds saw Jesus for themselves what did they do?

Did they...

- ➔ head back to the field to make sure none of the sheep had run off?
- ➔ huddle up and decide together that they couldn't tell ANYONE what they'd seen, thinking no one would actually believe them?
- ➔ immediately start telling EVERYONE about the birth of Jesus?

Yes! They told everyone. And the people who heard that good news were amazed! By sharing what they had seen, those shepherds invited others to celebrate because God had sent a Savior.

Family Time

At a family meal, read Luke 2:1-20. Assign different verses to different family members to read and act out the scene together. Remember that Jesus came for everyone and that is definitely worth celebrating!

**Celebrate Jesus
with others.**