

# Deck the Halls: Countdown to 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. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

### Bible Story

Jesus Is Born  
Luke 2:1-7

### Key Question

What makes your Christmas joyful?

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

## Activity

### Finishing Each Other's Sentences

#### What You Need:

Two sheets of paper, two writing utensils

#### What You Do:

Invite your child to do an activity with you. Explain that you'll read the start of a statement that has to do with today's story. You and your child will both complete that statement by writing down what you think the other person will say.

#### Statements:

- One question I'd love to ask Mary is . . .
- Something I don't understand about this story is . . .
- One thing in this story that stood out to me was . . .
- Jesus' birth matters because . . .
- I wonder if . . .
- The story of Jesus' birth reminds me that . . .

When you're finished, take time to share what both of you wrote down for each statement.

## Talk About the Bible Story

Share your favorite part about the story of the first Christmas.

Why is Jesus the best gift ever given? (*Because He came to be our Savior*)

How can our relationship with Jesus give us joy?

In the middle of everything going on this time of year, how can we take time to remember the real meaning of Christmas?

How can we share the gift of Jesus with our friends? (*We can tell others about Him, invite others to come to church with us.*)

*Parent: Share about how you've celebrated Christmas in different seasons of your life. Explain what the holiday meant to you when you were a child and when you were a young adult, and what it means to you today. Talk about the joy that you've experienced throughout your life in celebrating Jesus' birth.*



## Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for this reminder about the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Help us to not get so caught up in the lights and gifts that we lose sight of what is most important—that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. You brought joy to the world when Jesus was born . . . and we are so thankful! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."