Journal

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



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CELEBRATING JESUS, GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

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Day 1

December

2024

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching,	write	one	thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Christmas.

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Read Luke 2:1-7

The Christmas story—the greatest story ever told about God's greatest gift to us: Jesus! Before you re-read Luke 2:1-7, try to fill out the details of the Christmas story below from memory. Then check your list against the answers below.

THE CHARACTERS:

THE SETTINGS:

PROPS:

Unlike a movie or a book, every detail of this story is true! And the best part is the reason for this story at all: that God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior!

> Characters: Caesar Augustus, Quirinius, Joseph, David, Mary, Jesus; Settings: the Roman world, Syria, Nazareth, Galilee, Judea, Bethlehem; Props: large strips of cloth, manger



Christmas is definitely a celebration—it can be loud, fun, and even a bit overwhelming, especially if you get together with all your cousins and grandparents and neighbors to celebrate!

Then add in the stores with all the sales, Christmas parties and school concerts... It's a lot! It's all super fun, but sometimes it's good to sit in the silence and remember exactly what it is you're celebrating.

Grab a cozy blanket and maybe a cup of hot cocoa or tea. Find a quiet place in your house—maybe it's by a Christmas tree or a nativity scene, or your favorite reading nook. Take a few minutes to celebrate Jesus, God's great gift. Here are some ideas of things you can pray:

- 1. Thank God for giving us Jesus.
- 2. Ask God to provide comfort and healing to family and friends who are hurting this holiday season (pray for them by name).
- **3.** Ask God to give your family a great Christmas.
- 4. Thank God for what Christmas means—forgiveness and living with God forever!

Day 4

What does Christmas mean to you?

Play the Meaning of Christmas Bingo! Create a Bingo sheet (5 columns and 5 rows) using the words below. Ask everyone you meet what Christmas means to them. You can stop as soon as you get BINGO or you can try to fill up the whole card. Then go through and circle the answers you would say. It's okay to have more than one, and there's no wrong answer. . . but the one thing we know for sure is that Christmas means celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift!

Bingo Word Bank

Family	Food
Decorations	Snow
Cookies	Jesus was born
Christmas cards	Music
Gingerbread house	Carols
Helping others	Christmas lights
Christmas movies	Parties
Tradition	Going to church
A Savior	Donating toys
Stockings	Giving gifts
Shopping	Hot cocoa
Christmas trees	Advent
School break	

Day 5

Celebrate because God sent a Savior.

God sent Jesus to the world as a baby, but Jesus sure didn't stay that way. Just like you, Jesus began to grow and mature. And 33 years later, Jesus died on the cross to save us. Sometimes we forget that the best part about Christmas is that God sent not just a baby, but a Savior!

Grab a sheet of paper and a pencil and trace the cross below. Add images inside the cross that have to do with Jesus' birth such as a star, shepherds, angels, etc. Once you're done, color in the images.

Cut out the cross and tape it on your bathroom mirror to remind yourself for the rest of December that you can **celebrate because God sent a Savior!**

