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CHRISTMAS

celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Every kid knows that Christmas is a time to celebrate. And we have the incredible privilege of explaining why! Even though some kids may have heard the story every year, that doesn't mean they yet understand how the birth of Baby Jesus two thousand years ago changes everything for us today.

So, we'll begin with a look at some prophecies of Jesus' birth that were made during a dark time in the decline of God's people and the return from exile. We'll explore how God had a plan from the very beginning to send Jesus and how all of history leads up to that point. In the stories of Mary and Zechariah, in the birth of Jesus, and in the visits of the shepherds and wise men, we see how God's perfectly orchestrated story was cause for celebration then...and how it's just as much reason for us to celebrate today!

WEEK 1: Jesus is Promised

(Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2)

Jesus is good news for everyone.

WEEK 2: Gabriel visits Mary

(Luke 1:5-66)

God always had a plan to send Jesus.

WEEK 3: Jesus is born

(Luke 2:1-20)

Jesus is the greatest gift

WEEK 4: Family Service

(No elementary Sunday School)

MEMORY VERSE:

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



In the morning, when you see your child, say, "God loves you SO much He sent Jesus to save you. That's good news!"



At a meal this month, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What are some ways Jesus is good news to you?"



While on the go, ask your kid, "What are your favorite parts of our family Christmas traditions? How can we keep the true story of Jesus at the center of our hearts and minds during the Christmas season?"



Pray for each other: "Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus, who is good news for us, not just at Christmas, but every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

PARENT TIP:

If you are not in a rhythm of doing some form of family worship and devotion, Christmas is the perfect time to start! You are already in the thick of traditions and family togetherness. Plus, there's a slew of worshipful, God-glorifying, Christmas carols from which you can choose your favorites to sing. So, take advantage of all this by including family devotions into your regular routines this December. You can make them a part of breakfast or dinnertime, or adjust your bedtime routine, or you can even have your kid read aloud to everyone in the car while you are driving to whatever is on your calendar that day. Plan your devotions to happen daily, or five times a week, or just on Sundays. You get to choose!

Two of my favorite resources for Christmastime devotions are Ann Voskamp's *The Wonder of the Greatest Gift: An Interactive Family Celebration of Advent,* and Marty Machowski's *Prepare Him Room: Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Family Devotional.* At our house, we unwrap one of our favorite Christmas story picture books each day leading up to Christmas, and read it aloud together. CVCKids will also be handing out an advent calendar at the December Blast that has a schedule of simple Bible readings for the month.

Whatever you choose, just know that your kids are looking forward to Christmas morning and all the celebrating that leads up to it, but it is your important job to draw their attention to the most magnificent and generous gift of all...the gift of Jesus. If you do begin family worship and devotions this month, try to keep it going into January and all year long! We have several great resources that we recommend. You can find them on our website at cyconline.org/cyckids. Merry Christmas!