

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Micah 5:2, NIV

It's December and you know what that means? It's almost Christmas! Grab a piece of paper and set a timer for one minute. Write down everything you think about when you think about Christmas.

What did you write down? There are so many wonderful things about Christmas. But we can't forget the most important thing: Jesus, God's greatest gift.

God made a promise to send a Savior. And long before Jesus was born, God told Micah to share this special message with the people: out of the small town of Bethlehem, a Savior would be born! God always had a plan to send us Jesus.

Christmas is about Jesus

Grab a marker and write JESUS in big block letters across your page. Spend some time thanking God for all the wonderful things you love about Christmas. Then ask God to help you focus your attention this year on Jesus, the greatest gift ever.

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 9:6, NIV

God had a plan to send us Jesus but when Isaiah spoke these words about Jesus, it would be about 700 years before Jesus was born! Isaiah said that Jesus would be our...

(look back at today's verse and fill in the blanks below):

Wonderful: Jesus will direct and guide us in the right direction.

Mighty: Jesus came to rule and lead with love and compassion, more powerfully than any earthly king.

..... who lives forever: Jesus was with God in the beginning and will be with us always.

..... who brings peace: Jesus came to bring peace by dying on the cross and being raised again so that we could have a relationship with God forever.

Jesus is the greatest gift ever given. Of these four descriptions of Jesus, which one is your favorite and why?

DAY 3

Read Isaiah 7:14, NIV

What are your plans for Christmas? Maybe everything you're hoping for this Christmas will go according to plan. But maybe, your plans will change.

But, God's plans are different from our plans. When God promises to do something, it's as good as done.

Look back at today's verse. Remember, Isaiah lived 700 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. And yet, this message about a baby being born? It came true. We celebrate Christmas because God always had a plan and that plan was to send Jesus.

Weekly Planning

Look at the calendar below and think about the week ahead. Write in all your plans you know about for this week. As you look at the calendar, thank God for the plan to send Jesus. Ask God to help you make plans that put Jesus first this Christmas season.

12/4	12/5	12/6
12/7	12/8	12/9
12/10		

DAY 4

Read Luke 1:30-31, NIV

What would you do if an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in your bedroom? When it happened to Mary, she was terrified. But the angel told her not to fear because Mary had been chosen to help fulfill God's big rescue plan. Though she was scared and unsure, Mary said to the angel, "May it happen to me just as you have said." She was ready to take on the challenge ahead because Mary knew that God had chosen her to carry out this plan!

The Angel and Mary

Grab the angel and Mary from your Nativity scene. If you don't have a Nativity scene, any action figures or stuffed animals will do—or you and your family can act out the parts yourselves! Read Luke 1:26-38. Write out a script retelling this part of the Christmas story. Select different voices for each character (Mary and the angel). Use the nativity characters to act out the scene you've written. Have an older sibling or family member record it on video to share with your family. If you have the capability, add music or sound effects too.

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has a plan.