

Simply Christmas: No Assembly Required

Use this guide to help your family celebrate
Christmas all month long.

**First, watch
this week's
video at:**

hillsideonline.com/kids

Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Memory Verse

Today in the town
of David a Savior
has been born
to you. He is the
Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:11, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus is Born
Luke 2:1-7

Bottom Line

God loved us so
much that He gave
us a Savior.

**When you think of God's
gifts, what comes to mind?**

Activity

The Christmas Story

WHAT YOU NEED:

Stuffed animals or action figures, a
blanket

WHAT YOU DO:

Invite your child to act out the
Christmas story using stuffed animals
or action figures as you read it aloud.
If needed, give suggestions to your
child about how they can use the
characters to act out different parts
of the story. (For example, they can
use the blanket to wrap up baby
Jesus.)

Read directly from the Bible, Luke
2:1-7. (You might even want to
video your child's version of the
story to send to friends and
relatives!)

Say, "Great job acting out the
Christmas story! I hope you
remember—in the middle of all the
Christmas craziness— that all of this
is really about a baby, born long ago,
sent from God for you and me. God
showed just how much He loves us
by choosing to send us Jesus!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Why is it so fun to receive a gift, even if it's a small
one?

What's the gift you're most excited about giving
this year?

What could you give that isn't a "thing"?

*Parent: Share a personal story about a time you
gave a gift that made you feel better than if you had
received it.*

Why did God send Jesus for us? (Because He loves us!)

Why did we need a Savior? (We sin, and our sin
separates us from God. When Jesus died on the cross,
He paid the price for the sins of the world. Jesus made
it possible for us to have a relationship with God.)

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You
sent us the greatest gift ever—the gift of your Son,
Jesus. Please help us to pause this Christmas to
remember the real reason we're celebrating. We're
celebrating the birth of a baby—a baby who would
change everything. Because of Jesus' birth, we can
have a relationship with You that will last forever! Help
us to think about ways we can share Your love as we
give this Christmas. We love You. Amen!"