

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

Shepherds Visit
Luke 2:8-20

Bottom Line

God's peace is
for everyone.

**What does it mean to have
God's peace?**

Activity

Sheep Basket

WHAT YOU NEED:

Six pairs of white balled-up socks, a
laundry basket

WHAT YOU DO:

Place the basket in the center of a room.
Give your child three of the pairs of
balled-up socks. You take the other three
pairs. Then, challenge your child to see
who is better at tossing the white balls
of socks into the basket. Stand on one
side of the basket and have your child
stand on the other. Both of you walk 10
steps away from it, then toss.

If time allows, play another round— with
a variation. Blindfold your child and give
them all six pairs of socks. Have them
take five steps away from the basket,
and see how many they can toss in.
Another variation would be to have
another family member come in and
blindfold BOTH of you; then both of you
take five steps and toss.

When you're finished, say, "Do these
white, fluffy socks remind you of
anything from our story?" (*The sheep the
shepherds were taking care of.*)

Talk About the Bible Story

Who visited Jesus in our story today? (*The shepherds*)

How did the shepherds know that Jesus had been
born? (*An angel appeared to them and told them.*)

Read what the angels said to the shepherds in Luke
2:14.

What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus?
(*They went and spread the word that Jesus had been
born. Then, they praised God.*)

Who is God's peace for? (*Everyone*)

When you think of peace, what do you think of?
What is the opposite of peace?
How can you know God's peace when you are
worried?

*Parent: Share a personal story about a time you felt
peaceful in a non-peaceful situation. Where did that
peace come from? Did you ask God to provide it?
Was there someone else with you who
helped you experience peace?*

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You so much for giving us a Savior.
Thank You that because of Jesus, we can have peace in
every situation—and all we have to do is ask. We ask
that You would help us to be peaceful people—kind
and loving, generous and forgiving. We love You.
Amen!"