

# Deck the Halls: Countdown to Christmas



Use this guide to help your family learn why we celebrate Christmas.

First, watch  
this week's  
video!

Christmas:  
Celebrating  
Jesus, God's  
greatest gift

### Memory Verse

"A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us."  
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

### Bible Story

Jesus Is Born  
Luke 2:1-7

### Bottom Line

You can have joy because God sent Jesus.

## Activity

### Gift Wrap Race

#### What You Need:

Two boxes, two sets of wrapping supplies (wrapping paper, tape, kid-friendly scissors, bow)

#### What You Do:

Set out the two boxes and two sets of wrapping supplies. Invite your child to have a gift-wrapping race with you. Explain that on the count of three, the two of you will race to see who can wrap their box the fastest.

#### The rules are:

- The box has to be completely covered.
- The paper has to be taped closed.
- The bow has to be on the top.

Count to three, then see who can wrap their gift the fastest, according to the rules.

When you're finished, say, "That was fun! And I think we can agree that UNwrapping gifts is even more fun than wrapping them! In our story today, we heard about the greatest gift we could ever receive."

## Talk About the Bible Story

Why is Jesus the best gift ever given? (*Because He came to be our Savior*)

How can our relationship with Jesus give us joy?

In the middle of everything going on this time of year, how can we take time to remember the real meaning of Christmas?

How can we share the gift of Jesus with our friends? (*We can tell others about Him, invite others to come to church with us.*)

*Parent: Share about how you've celebrated Christmas in different seasons of your life. Explain what the holiday meant to you when you were a child and when you were a young adult, and what it means to you today. Talk about the joy that you've experienced throughout your life in celebrating Jesus' birth.*



## Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for keeping Your promise to send Your Son, Jesus. Jesus really is the greatest gift we could ever receive. Because of Jesus, our broken relationship with You can be restored, and we know that one day You will make everything right again. Please help us always remember to have joy because You sent Jesus. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."