Christmas - Celebrate the Good News of Jesus' Birth

DAY 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching So&So, write one thing that:

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned:
- 3. You'd like to know:

DAY 2

Read Luke 1:26-38

Have your plans ever flipped last second? Maybe you studied math but faced a pop quiz in science. Mary, a teen in Nazareth, expected an ordinary day when the angel Gabriel appeared: she would carry God's Son, Jesus! For centuries, people wondered if God forgot His promise to send a Rescuer. Gabriel proved God's plan was still on schedule. Mary asked, "How?" but didn't say "No." She trusted that if God planned it, He would surely help her live it. Trust grows as we remember that God keeps His promises.

You might face surprises this Christmas or winter break; your travel plans may shift, a friend may move, or a game may be canceled. Instead of panicking, remember Mary. God always planned to send Jesus and still has a good plan for you. Ask God to help you say "Yes" even without all the answers today.

Write one surprise you are facing and then finish the sentence with: "I can trust God because..."

DAY 3

Read Luke 1:5-25

Have you ever played charades where no words are allowed? That is what happened to Zechariah, a priest serving in Jerusalem's temple. The angel Gabriel appeared and announced that he and his wife Elizabeth would finally have a child, even though they were far too old. Their son, John, would prepare hearts for the promised Rescuer, Jesus. Zechariah doubted, so Gabriel gave him nine months of total silence to think about God's plan.

Imagine having earth-shaking news but no voice to share it! Still, Zechariah's doubt could not stop what God had already scheduled. Zechariah eventually spoke again! If your plans shift or your prayers feel unanswered this Christmas, remember Zechariah. God's clock never loses a second, and His plans never fail. Your waiting could be the stage where He shows His love in ways just for you.

Take a moment today and ask God to help you trust His schedule. Then stay alert for surprising answers He sends.

A Devotional About Jesus' Birth

There's More!

DAY 4 **Read Luke 1:39–45**

Have you ever felt so much excitement that you had to jump? When pregnant Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby, John, leaped inside her! The Holy Spirit was showing that God's rescue plan was moving exactly on time. For more than four hundred years, people heard silence from heaven, but in that quiet, God arranged every piece. Zechariah's months of silence, Mary's brave yes, and now this joyful leap all pointed to one headline: God always had a plan to send Jesus.

That tiny kick was announcing, "The Savior is here!" Elizabeth shouted blessings over Mary, and Mary responded with a song of worship still sung today. Joy erupted before the first Christmas lights ever glowed.

When life feels stalled, holiday trips uncertain, friendships awkward, and grades slipping, remember that God has good plans. Celebrate early, knowing His timing is perfect. Choose to leap in worship even before answers arrive.

With your family, create a "Christmas Promise Playlist." Choose three Christmas songs about Jesus coming, play them this week, and share why each reminds you of His plan.

DAY 5

Read Luke 1:57-66

John was finally born! Neighbors gathered to celebrate with Elizabeth. When they asked for the baby's name, Zechariah wrote "John" on a tablet. In that instant, his voice returned, and he burst into praise. Nine long months of silence ended with a shout about God's faithfulness. Everyone who heard the story whispered, "What will this child become?" The answer pointed forward: John would prepare hearts for Jesus, proving again that God always had a plan.

Think about all the quiet steps in this chapter: ancient

prophecies, an angel visit, months of waiting, now coming together at just the right second. God's timing in Zechariah's life reminds us that He is also working in ours, even when we can't see movement. If you feel stuck or silenced, trust that your "voice unlocked" moment is on the way.

"God, thank You for keeping every promise. Help me praise You while I wait, trust Your timing, and share Your good news when the moment comes."

Journal Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent. What are your plans this Christmas?



DECEMBER WEEK TWO

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Celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth.



MEMORY VERSE

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

Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Luke 1:5-66 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

Engagement Questions

- Can you name a time when something that felt random turned out to be part of something good God was doing?
- ► Why do you think we need Jesus?
- ► Which part of God's rescue plan, promise, birth, life, or resurrection, most amazes you right now, and why?

Faith and Character Activity

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.

Scan the QR code to get started



Prayer

"Dear God, Your plans are good. Your plans are holy. We thank You that You always had a plan to send Jesus."

Weekly Parent Cues

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ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, let them know how much you admire something about them.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What's the best news you've ever heard?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "If you were in charge of planning a fun, holiday-related activity, what would you do?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, thank You for loving us so much that You always had a plan to restore our relationship with You. May we never take that for granted."

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid



Faith &

Character

Activities

Worship Song of the Month



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