



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. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace."
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

Bible Story

Gabriel Appears to Mary
Luke 1:26-56

Key Question

What are your plans this Christmas?

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

Activity

Who Said It?

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Explain that you'll read a statement, and then your child can tell you who from today's story might have said that statement—Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, or the angel Gabriel.

Statements:

- "I've got to go see my cousin Elizabeth!" (*Mary*)
- "You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus." (*Gabriel, Luke 1:31*)
- "An angel appeared to me out of nowhere!" (*Mary*)
- "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you." (*Gabriel, Luke 1:28*)
- "I'm going to have a baby, and the baby is God's Son." (*Mary*)
- "Whoa! I felt my baby jump when you came in." (*Elizabeth*)
- "I trusted the angel when he said that God would be with me." (*Mary*)
- "I'm nervous about what's next, but I'm going to choose to trust God." (*Joseph, Mary, or Elizabeth*)

When you're finished, say, "Today's story is a reminder that we can have peace because God has a plan."

Talk About the Bible Story

When the angel told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, how did Mary respond? (*At first, she was upset. But she chose to trust God.*)

How can it give us peace to know that God has a plan?

What do you believe about God that can help you when you start to feel worried or anxious about something?

What does it look like for a kid your age to have peace? How does it show up in the things you say and do?

Parent: Share about a time when something didn't go your way, and you prayed and asked God to help you get through it. How did it turn out? Explain how you were able to have peace because you trusted God in the middle of that situation.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Jesus came to be the Savior of the world. He made a way for us to be forgiven and have peace. As we get ready to celebrate Christmas with our friends and family, help us to remember that You have a plan, and Your plans are always for our good. Whether things go the way we want or not, help us trust You no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."