

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Luke 2:9-10

On the night Jesus was born, God sent an angel to appear to a group of shepherds watching over their flocks outside of town. And they were terrified. But the angel didn't want them to be afraid because they came to share the best news ever—Jesus was born! And that good news is still the best new ever!

Who Do You Know?

Grab some paper, a pen and set a timer for 2 minutes. As the timer runs, make a list of all the people you know. When the time is up, write your name at the bottom of the list. Then, read today's verse aloud filling in the blank with all the names on your list, including yours!

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you GOOD news. It will bring great joy for'" Luke 2:10

DAY 2

Read Luke 2:11

As we celebrate Christmas this week, we also get to celebrate Jesus, our Messiah who restores our relationship with God. And that is a gift for EVERYONE!

With an adult's permission, create some salt dough ornaments to hang on your Christmas tree using the recipe below. Write out today's verse on a strip of paper and punch a hole in the top. Run a piece of yarn or twine through an ornament and the verse strip to hang on the tree.

Salt Dough Ornaments
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup salt
1 ½ cups warm water

Mix the flour and salt together, then slowly add the warm water. Once dough starts to come together, use your hands to knead dough until smooth. Roll out the dough with a rolling pin until thin, about 1/8 of an inch. Use cookie cutters to create your favorite Christmas shapes and punch a small hole at the top with a straw for hanging. Create different patterns on the surface of each ornament with a fork, straw, a pair of scissors etc. Move the ornaments to a cookie sheet and bake at 300 degrees for about an hour. Once completely cool, decorate any way you choose.

Read 1 John 5:11

Why is Christmas such a big deal? Jesus was born and grew up to point people to God. Jesus changed the lives of everyone who chose to follow Him. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can have a relationship with God forever!

Word Search

Find the words from today's verse in the puzzle below.

**GOD ETERNAL LIFE
SON US GIVEN**

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G	I	E	V	S	O	L	U
U	F	R	I	F	G	O	D
S	O	N	H	A	I	N	A
T	N	A	L	I	V	O	P
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Read John 10:11

Did you know that sheep are mentioned more than any other animal in the Bible? How many times would you guess? Write it down in the blank below:

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**See the answer in the TINY print at the bottom of today's devotional*

Sheep are pretty defenseless. They rely on their shepherd to protect them. Jesus compares Himself to a good shepherd who does everything He can to keep the sheep safe.

All We Like Sheep

Why are there sheep in the nativity scene? Who were the first people to hear the good news about Jesus' birth?

Read John 10:11 to your family. ASK:
 Why do you think Jesus calls himself the "good" shepherd?
 How does Jesus define a shepherd who is "good" in this verse?
 What did Jesus do to prove He is our good shepherd?

Over 500 times

**The good news is
for everyone.**