

# The Big Give: Get wrapped up in Christmas

Use this guide to help your family learn about and celebrate the Christmas story.



First, watch this week's video!

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 and Angels  
Luke 2:8-20

### Key Question

What are ways you can share the good news?

## Activity

### Message Mix-Up

#### What You Need:

paper; printer (or writing utensil); scissors

#### What You Do:

Print out (or write down) the following Christmas song lyrics. (You may want to print out two copies so that you have a reference sheet.)

Then, cut out each individual lyric line. Finally, cut the lyric lines at the "/" mark, to divide up each lyric. Mix together all the halved lyrics lines, and invite your child to match up the lyrics with you.

If you need help, check the reference sheet. When you've matched all the lyrics, say, "That was a lot of fun! There are many different ways to deliver messages. In today's story, we heard about a very important message that was delivered with a very specific purpose."

#### Lyrics:

- "Oh, what fun it is / to ride in a one-horse open sleigh."
- "Joyful, all ye nations rise, / join the triumph of the skies."
- "Sing, choirs of angels. / Sing in exultation."
- "Go tell it on the mountain / over the hills and everywhere."
- "A thrill of hope, / the weary world rejoices."
- "Feliz navidad. / Prospero año y felicidad."

## Talk About the Bible Story

How do you think the shepherds felt when the angel told them about Jesus?

Why does it matter whether or not we share the good news?

Does anything hold you back from telling people about Jesus? If so, why?

What are some ways we can share about Jesus with our friends? (*We can tell them what Jesus did; we can treat them with love like Jesus did.*)

*Parent: Share about a time you invited a friend or family member who did not know Jesus to church with you, or to a community event. Were you nervous? How did God give you the courage to open up to the other person?*

## 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 to us. There is no greater gift that we will ever receive! Help us to be brave and bold enough to tell others about You, and to invite them into our community. Thank You for the super-fun celebration that Christmas is. Keep our hearts focused on You today and every day. In Jesus' name, Amen."