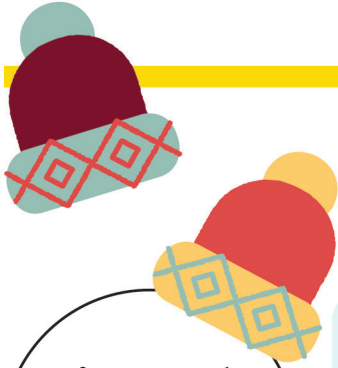


The Big Give: Get wrapped up in Christmas



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

Zechariah/Elizabeth
and Gabriel/Mary
Luke 1:5-66

Bottom Line

Anything is
possible
with God.

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

Activity

One-Handed Wrapping

What You Need:

Two wrapping paper squares; two bows; tape; two gift tags or labels; two pens; and two boxes (or books) to wrap

What You Do:

Invite your child to a gift-wrapping challenge.

Say, "We're going to challenge each other to see who can wrap their gift the best. But there's a catch—we both can only use one hand! We have to use all the supplies in front of us. Are you ready? Get set. GO!"

Race your child in a one-handed gift-wrapping competition. If there's another family member around, ask them to judge whose gift is best. If not, send photos or video to someone else so they can judge. Crown your wrapping champion!

When you're finished, say, "When we first started that challenge, it seemed impossible, right? But it happened! In our story today, something else happened that seemed impossible at first!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Why did Elizabeth think she wouldn't have a baby?
(Because she was too old)

Why was Mary surprised she would have a baby?
(Because she wasn't ready)

But both Elizabeth and Mary had babies. How was that possible? (Because with God, nothing is impossible)

Parent: Share a story about something that seemed impossible that God did in your life, or in the life of someone you know.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, we know that we don't have to worry, because we can come to You with anything that seems impossible. You promise to be with us and help us through it. Help us remember how You did something that seemed impossible by sending Your Son to be our Savior. It's in Your name we pray, amen."