

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

Shepherds and Angels
Luke 2:8-20

Bottom Line

The good news is for everyone.

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

Activity

MegaPHONE a Friend

What You Need:

white paper; marker; decorative supplies (markers, glitter, stickers)

What You Do:

Before you begin, use the marker to draw the outline of a large megaphone on the white sheet of paper. (Or download a "megaphone outline" from the internet and print it out.)

Invite your child to do a craft with you. Together with your child, decorate the megaphone and then roll it up.

While you and your child decorate your megaphone, ask the following questions:

- What do people use a megaphone for? (*making an announcement*)
- Who gave an announcement in our story today? (*the angel*)
- What does it mean when people say, "share the good news?" (*telling others about Jesus*)
- Who is this good news for? (*everyone*)

When your child is finished, say, "Let's hang this in your room to remind us that the good news is for everyone."

Talk About the Bible Story

Who did the angels share the good news with? (*the shepherds*)

How do you think the shepherds felt when the angels told them about Jesus? (*excited; shocked*)

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 Your Son, Jesus, so we can be friends with You forever. Jesus laid down His life to pay for our sin. He defeated death and came back to life so we can have a restored relationship with You. Help us share the good news about Jesus with others. We love You, amen."