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*FAMILY ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION GUIDE*

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 1 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

John 1:1-5 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What important event do we celebrate at Christmas?
- How long has Jesus existed?
- If you were on a walk with Jesus, what's the first question you would ask Him?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Go on a family walk! If it's cold where you live, bundle up and brave the chilly December air. As you walk, talk about what it would have been like to experience Jesus like the men on the Emmaus road. If you see neighbors out, consider inviting them to do this devotional as well so they can also focus on keeping Christ at the center of Christmas.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are mighty and powerful and good. You are more amazing than any gift we can find wrapped under a tree. Thank You for loving us and always being by our side. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 2 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite thing about family gatherings? How about your least favorite?
- When you mess things up, what does God offer you?
- How could you offer grace to someone in your family this Christmas season?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Think of a person who might need extra love or grace this Christmas. Then do something to bring that person a little Christmas cheer! You could send them a card with an encouraging note about Jesus’ love. Or you could call them simply to ask how they are doing. It doesn’t need to be big or fancy—the smallest gestures of love can make a big difference!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Thank You, God, for the gift of family. Please help us love each other the way You love us. Amen.

# ★ ✨ DECEMBER 3 ✨ ★

## SCRIPTURE READING

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom.*

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)

### ★ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you know why your name was chosen for you?
- Jesus has many names including those in Isaiah 9:6. Which name of Jesus stands out the most to you?
- How is Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, guiding you in your day-to-day life?

### ★ ACTIVITY IDEA

Make a snowman! If you don't have snow where you live, you can use other items to create your snowman like marshmallows with toothpicks or even white paint on a toilet paper roll. Feel free to get creative. And don't forget to give your snowman a name!

### ★ FAMILY PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for being our Wonderful Counselor. You are the King of all kings. Help us to praise You and honor Your powerful name! Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 4 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How might people try to get power in the things of the world instead of in Jesus?
- Is it easy or is it hard for you to think of God as your father? Why or why not?
- Do you feel peaceful this Christmas? How can you find true peace?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Get a sheet of paper for each person along with some colorful writing utensils. Take 5-10 minutes to write out or draw pictures that represent some of Jesus' names. If you want, keep decorating with glitter, paint, or stickers. Then put your "Names of Jesus" pages somewhere that you will see them often.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are our true source of peace and power. Thank You for loving us with Your never-ending love. We love You. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 5 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus”*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the angel’s message to Zechariah about? (See Luke 1:11-20)
- God answers prayers with a “yes,” a “no,” or a “wait.” How has God answered some of your prayers in the past?
- Are you praying for something right now? What is it?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Make hot cocoa to enjoy as a family and invite some neighbors or friends to join you. Take turns sharing prayer requests with each other as you sip. Then pray together.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for listening to our prayers no matter where we are or what we are saying. Please help us remember that You want us to talk to You. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 6 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"*

Luke 1:26-28 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who are some "normal" people who have done amazing things?
- Why does God use seemingly ordinary people, like Mary, to do extraordinary things? (Hint: reread 1 Corinthians 1:28-29)
- What might God be asking you to do that you need His strength to achieve?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Even the most ordinary things are filled with God's wonder. Did you know that no two snowflakes are alike? Get some sheets of paper and a pair of scissors. Then, make paper snowflakes together. Write Bible verses about Jesus and His birth on the snowflakes. Hang them up around your house or hand them out to friends at school or in your neighborhood!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for using ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Please guide me and use me to bring You glory. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God."*

Luke 1:35 (NLT)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's something that seems impossible to you?
- Who did Mary become pregnant with through the power of the Holy Spirit?
- How do you think it would have felt to be Mary or Joseph as they learned about God's plan to send Jesus to Earth?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Sometimes we can't understand things until we experience them for ourselves, like hearing the rules of a game. The rules don't fully make sense until you start playing. Play a game together as a family and learn as you go!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, please help us to trust You even when things don't make sense. We know You can do anything! Amen.



# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 8 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*“All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.”*

John 14:23 (NLT)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When you hear the word *home* what do you think of?
- Have you ever decided to follow Jesus and make Him your Lord and Savior?
- How can we make the best home possible in our hearts for Jesus?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Find a special spot in your home and make it feel extra comfy with cozy blankets or other things you love. Then find some of your favorite Christmas books to read together.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to live in our hearts when we decide to follow You. Help us remember that You are right here with us. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.*

Psalm 10:4 (NIV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you fill most of your time with?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- If the Son of God showed up on your doorstep, what would you do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How could you make more room for Jesus in your life?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Nativity plays are commonly done all over the world. Put on your own Nativity play, assigning different roles to each family member like Mary, Joseph, the innkeeper, a donkey, etc.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, it's easy to become so busy in our world today, especially at Christmastime. Help us to slow down and notice the things You want us to see. Amen.

# ★ ✨ DECEMBER 10 ✨ ★

## SCRIPTURE READING

*And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.*

Luke 2:1-5 (NKJV)

### ★ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are you the most excited for this Christmas?
- People, gifts, food, and parties will all disappoint us from time to time, but who will never disappoint us and why?
- When things feel hard or empty or sad, what does God want us to do?

### ★ ACTIVITY IDEA

Have a dance party to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas! Turn on your favorite Christmas tunes and dance away. Remember that Jesus is the real reason for the season!

### ★ FAMILY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for offering us true joy. Christmas traditions can be a lot of fun, but please help us remember that You are what this special day is truly all about. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 11 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."*

Luke 2:8-12 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why were the shepherds afraid?
  
- What makes you feel afraid?
  
- Where can we find true peace and joy? How do we get it?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Have a present wrapping party! Wrap gifts for extended family and friends and pray for each person who will be receiving the presents. Even though gifts under a tree don't bring lasting joy, they can still be fun!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, when we're sad or afraid, help us to remember that we can have joy and peace through You. We love You. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 12 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you spend more time thinking about what you don't have or what you do have?
- What promises from God are you especially grateful for?
- How has God guided you in the past? How might He want to guide you today?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Create a Christmas gratitude list. What are you thankful for during this holiday season? You can brainstorm one big list as a family or write out your own list and then come back together to share them.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for everything You've given us. We're grateful for Your promise to always be with us. Please guide our steps. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.*

Matthew 2:9-10 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the three gifts the wise men brought for Jesus?
- What gift are you hoping for this Christmas?
- Jesus is way more amazing than whatever else we're hoping for! How could you worship Jesus today?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Go look at Christmas lights! As you explore, think about the joy the wise men experienced when that bright light in the sky led them to the King of all kings.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Lord, You are amazing and good. You deserve all of our praise. Help us to love and worship You in the way You deserve. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*

Revelation 5:13-14 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What things (besides God) do people worship?
- Why do you think we are tempted to worship things other than God?
- Singing is a great way to worship, but what are some other ways you can worship God?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Plan a family service day! Cook a meal for someone in need, go visit people in a local nursing home, or figure out something else you can do as a family to serve. Tell the people you are serving about the love of Jesus. Remind them that He is the reason we celebrate at this time of the year!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, You are worthy of our praise. Help us to worship You with our words, songs, thoughts, and actions. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 15 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.*

Philippians 2:14-16 (NIV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever felt unimportant or like God didn't care about you?
- What's an example of a time when God came to someone right where they were?
- How can you shine God's light to others this Christmas season?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Shine your light! Grab a flashlight, a Bible, and turn out the lights. Read Matthew 2:1-12 together, using the flashlight to see. Then call a friend or family member and read this Scripture to them as well!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for coming to us exactly where we are. Help us to shine Your light in dark places so we can tell others about You. Amen.



## SCRIPTURE READING

*“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”*

Luke 2:29-32 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In the passage above, what was Simeon waiting for?
- What’s something you’re waiting for right now?
- Why do you think waiting can be so hard?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Make Christmas cookies together! Use an old family recipe or find a new one that looks yummy. As you wait for the cookies to bake, talk about the excitement we can have while waiting for Jesus to come to Earth again!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Oh Lord, You know that waiting is hard for us. Please help us to wait patiently and with excitement for the good things that come from You. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 17 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.*

Luke 2:38 (NLT)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who did the old woman, Anna, tell others about?
- Have you ever shared your faith with someone else? Why or why not?
- Who could you share the Good News of Jesus with this Christmas?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Tell someone the story of Christ coming to Earth. We've been learning all about Jesus and the hope, joy, and peace we can have because of Him. Share this amazing story of hope with others!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. He offers us hope every day of the year. Please help us find ways to share Jesus' hope with others. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 18 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.*

Luke 12:51 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Where can we find the ultimate Truth?
- What are some things that are being taught as “right” but do not line up with Scripture?
- How can we help others experience the peace that Jesus brings in a world filled with conflict?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Make a plan to attend a Christmas Eve service at Harvest. Invite other family members or friends to join you!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to Earth as a tiny baby. Even though there is conflict all around us, we know that peace and victory come through You. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 19 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"*

Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What brings you joy?
- Where can we find real, lasting joy that doesn't ever have to end?
- Do you feel joyful this Christmas season?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Make homemade Christmas cards to remind people of the joy we can have because of Jesus. Give them to family, neighbors, or even the lady running checkout at the grocery store.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, we know that genuine joy comes from knowing and loving Jesus. Please fill us with Your joy today and every day. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. . . . Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place."*

Revelation 2:2, 4-5 (NIV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever felt like God is far away? How do you feel today?
- How can the three Rs (remember, repent, repeat) help us stay close to Jesus?
- What's at least one thing you can do to help make Jesus your top priority?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Video call a friend or family member who lives far away. Make time for that person, showing the love of Jesus as you talk. Share the hope of the gospel as a reminder about why we celebrate Christmas.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for when I haven't made time for You. Help me keep You first in my life. I want to be close to You. Amen.

# ★ DECEMBER 21 ★

## SCRIPTURE READING

*“Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)

### ★ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you think it was hard for Joseph to agree to be Jesus’ dad on Earth?
- How have you seen God work in your life in a different way than you had planned?
- What are some ways God made you unique when He created you?

### ★ ACTIVITY IDEA

Curl up on the couch together and watch a special retelling of the Christmas story with Pastor Greg and his grandkids.

WATCH HERE:



### ★ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for making me in a unique and wonderful way. Help me to follow Your plan for my life. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*I want to remind you that in the last days there will come scoffers who will do every wrong they can think of and laugh at the truth. This will be their line of argument: "So Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he? He'll never come! Why, as far back as anyone can remember, everything has remained exactly as it was since the first day of creation."*

2 Peter 3:3-4 (TLB)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did so many people miss the birth of Jesus?
- Did you know that Jesus is coming to Earth again? How does that make you feel?
- What are some things we can do to make sure we are ready for the Second Coming of Jesus?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Do your last-minute Christmas prep! Turn on Christ-filled Christmas music and maybe even wear some festive pajamas to set the mood. Then work as a family to do the last-minute wrapping, baking, or decorating to prepare for Christmas.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the promise that You are coming again. Help us to be full of joy as we think about Your return. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. . . . He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready.”*

Luke 12:35–36, 38 (NLT)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Are you ready for Christmas in your mind and heart?
- What should we do as we wait for Jesus to return?
- What are some ways that you could serve God in this season?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Sing Christmas carols! Choose a handful of Christ-filled Christmas songs and offer your worship to God. You could even go caroling around your neighborhood (or host a virtual caroling session if you don't have neighbors). Spread the love of Jesus as you sing!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us to live like You are coming back at any moment. We want to find ways to share the Good News about what You've done for the world. Amen.



# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 24 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

Matthew 1:22-23 (NKJV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever received an exciting new toy, but after only a few days (or hours) you already wanted something else?
- Do you ever feel lonely?
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus is always with you?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Gather some gently used toys, clothes, or other household items (or buy these things new) and donate them to an organization who helps families in need. Include cards for the families that share the message of the gospel. This can be a great way to remind others of God's love and His presence!

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for promising to always be with us. You are Immanuel, and we look forward to continuing to celebrate You. Amen.

# ✦ ✦ DECEMBER 25 ✦ ✦

## SCRIPTURE READING

*“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”*

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

### ✦ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Are you feeling the joy of Jesus this Christmas?
- Have you asked Jesus to come into your life? If not, would you like to do that today?
- How can we know that Jesus is with us always?

### ✦ ACTIVITY IDEA

Sing “O come, O come, Immanuel” together.

O come, O come, Immanuel, And  
ransom captive Israel That  
mourns in lonely exile here Until  
the Son of God appear. Rejoice!  
Rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to  
you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge  
show And teach us in its ways to  
go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

### ✦ FAMILY PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You that we can celebrate You today and every day! We love You. Help us to remember that You are Immanuel. Amen.