PARENT GUIDE • PRESCHOOL BIBLE ACTIVITY

Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

The Story of Jesus' Birth

Bible Story: Luke 1:26–38; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 2:1–20
For ages: Preschool • **Goal:** Help little ones know that Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birth.

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Review and Discussion

Sit with your child and look at the picture together. Ask these simple questions. It is okay if your child answers with just a word or points to the picture.

★ Who is the baby's mother? *(Mary)*
★ What is the baby's name? *(Jesus)*
★ Where is baby Jesus lying? *(In a manger)*
★ Who is taking care of baby Jesus? *(Mary and Joseph)*

Say this together: "Christmas is Jesus' birthday! We celebrate because God gave us Jesus."

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Explore God's Big Story

Read this short story slowly to your child. Use the picture to help them follow along.

God loves us very much. He promised to send us a Savior. One day, an angel told Mary that she would have a special baby. His name would be Jesus.

Mary and Joseph traveled to a town called Bethlehem. There, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in soft cloths and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

Angels told some shepherds the happy news: Jesus was born! The shepherds went to see Him. They were happy and praised God.

Remember: Jesus is God's special gift to us. That is why we celebrate Christmas!

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Memory Verse

"For there is born to you, this day, in David's city, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11 (WEB)

Preschool practice: Say it in little parts: "A Savior is born" … "Christ the Lord." Let your child repeat after you.

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Talk to God

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me. Thank You for giving us Jesus. Help me love others and remember that Christmas is about Jesus. Amen.

Try this: Invite your child to fold their hands, close their eyes, and repeat the prayer one line at a time.

Parent tip: Keep this activity short and joyful. Preschoolers learn through repetition, pointing, movement, and conversation. Praise your child for listening and joining in. They do not need to memorize every detail.