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Word Bank: CELEBRATE  BECAUSE  GOD  SENT  SAVIOR

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DAY 1

Read Luke 2:6-7

This is it! The week of the big day. Maybe the day you’ve been waiting for all year long! It’s almost Christmas!

Can you imagine waiting for Christmas for more than a year? What if you had to wait for Christmas for hundreds of years? Hard to imagine right? That’s longer than our lifetimes. But that’s exactly what God’s people had to do. They’d been waiting for a Savior for generations. And finally, Jesus was born. His long-awaited birth was a very big deal.

Have you ever seen a birth announcement?

Grab some paper and draw a picture of baby Jesus in the manger and then create a birth announcement with the following information:

Introducing: Jesus, the Savior of the World
Born in Bethlehem
With love, Joseph and Mary

Decorate your announcement any way you choose. Hang it on your fridge or somewhere so that your whole family can celebrate because God sent a Savior.

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The first people to hear about the birth of Jesus were some smelly shepherds out in a field. They were the least connected, least powerful, least likely people to be chosen as the first people to receive this good news. And yet, that’s who God chose.

Who could you tell? Can you think of someone that doesn’t know the real reason why we celebrate Christmas? Maybe it’s a friend that doesn’t go to church or know much about the Bible. How could you share this good news? What is one thing you could do to help that friend know that Christmas is about Jesus?

Read Luke 1:17–18
As soon as those shepherds saw Jesus for themselves what did they do?

Yes! They told everyone. And the people who heard that good news were amazed! By sharing what they had seen, those shepherds invited others to celebrate because God had sent a Savior.

Imagine if this awesome event happened today. How would you tell everyone this big news?

Today, the easiest way to tell everyone about something big and important is by sending a text or posting it on social media. In the space below, write a text of your own telling your friends about Jesus’ birth. What would you say if you were one of those shepherds who met baby Jesus that night?

Celebrate because God sent a Savior.
Use this guide to help your family learn about and celebrate the Christmas story.

Activity

The Best Christmas Ever

What You Need:
Paper and crayons or markers

What You Do:

Ask your child to draw a picture of the best gift they’ve ever received for Christmas. Talk about all the reasons why they loved that gift.

Then have your child flip over the paper and draw a scene from today’s story. Talk about all the reasons Jesus was the best gift ever.

Talk About the Bible Story

Why was Jesus the best gift ever? (He made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever.)

What’s your favorite part about how our family celebrates Christmas?

In the story, who celebrated Jesus’ birth? (The angels, the shepherds) How did they celebrate? (The angels told the good news about Jesus. The shepherds came to see Him.) Why did they celebrate? (Because Jesus was the promised Savior)

After the shepherds saw Jesus, they told everyone what they had seen. Is talking about Jesus a way of celebrating? Why or why not?

How can we be like the shepherds?

Talk about a family or person you can do something special for this week, to show them that Jesus was a gift sent for everyone.

Prayer

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

“God, what a night that must have been! The birth of Jesus! Angels praising You! Shepherds telling everyone what they saw! People being amazed at what they heard! Thank You for the good news about Jesus. Thank You for sending a Savior. This week, as we celebrate Christmas with our family and friends, remind us why we’re celebrating—because a Savior has been born to us, and His name is Jesus! Amen.”
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JOHN 3:16 NIRV
DECEMBER 19 - WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, backwards & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

GOD
JESUS
WORSHIP
LOVE
KINGDOM
BELIEVE
HOPE
CELEBRATE
GIFT
CHRISTMAS
BLESSING