



# Christmas Playlist: Let heaven and nature sing

Christmas is celebrating  
Jesus, God's greatest gift.



**MEMORY VERSE**

"[Mary] is going to have a son.  
You must give him the name  
Jesus. That's because he will  
save his people from their sins."  
Matthew 1:21, NIV

**Talk About the Bible Story**

Open the Bible together and read Luke 2:1-7 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

**Engagement Questions**

- What makes you the most joyful when you think of Jesus?
- How is joy different from happiness?
- What does Christmas mean to you?

**Faith and Character Activity**

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.



Scan the QR code to get started

**Prayer**

"Dear God, thank You so much for Jesus! We are so thankful that You sent a Savior at just the right time and place for us. Please show us how to celebrate what really matters all week long. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Weekly Parent Cues →

# Preteen

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



**Morning Time**

As your kid starts their day, acknowledge an area where you've seen them working or trying to improve.



**Meal Time**

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What does Christmas mean to you?"



**Drive Time**

While on the go, ask your kid: "Tell me about a time you needed help with something you couldn't do on your own."



**Bed Time**

Pray for each other: "God, You not only sent Jesus to show us how to live and love, but to be our Savior. Thank You for providing Jesus for us to be saved from our sins."

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid

Faith & Character Activities



Worship Song of the Month



Download the Parent Cue app

AVAILABLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES



# Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Multiple horizontal dotted lines for journaling.

December 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Week Three Preteen



## Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

2. You learned:

Download it for free at [parentcue.org/app](http://parentcue.org/app).

3. You'd like to know:

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

A Devotional on Christmas.

FOR AN **everyday faith.**

# Day 2

Read Luke 2:1-7

The Christmas story—the greatest story ever told about God’s greatest gift to us: Jesus! Before you re-read Luke 2:1-7, try to fill out the details of the Christmas story below from memory. Then check your list against the answers below.

**THE CHARACTERS:**

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**THE SETTINGS:**

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**PROPS:**

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Unlike a movie or a book, every detail of this story is true! And the best part is the reason for this story at all: that God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior!

Characters: Caesar Augustus, Quirinius, Joseph, David, Mary, Jesus; Settings: the Roman world, Syria, Nazareth, Galilee, Judea, Bethlehem; Props: large strips of cloth, manger



# Day 3

Christmas is definitely a celebration—it can be loud, fun, and even a bit overwhelming, especially if you get together with all your cousins and grandparents and neighbors to celebrate!

Then add in the stores with all the sales, Christmas parties and school concerts. . . It’s a lot! It’s all super fun, but sometimes it’s good to sit in the silence and remember exactly what it is you’re celebrating.

Grab a cozy blanket and maybe a cup of hot cocoa or tea. Find a quiet place in your house—maybe it’s by a Christmas tree or a nativity scene, or your favorite reading nook. Take a few minutes to celebrate Jesus, God’s great gift. Here are some ideas of things you can pray:

1. Thank God for giving us Jesus.
2. Ask God to provide comfort and healing to family and friends who are hurting this holiday season (pray for them by name).
3. Ask God to give your family a great Christmas.
4. Thank God for what Christmas means—forgiveness and living with God forever!

# Day 4

What does Christmas mean to you?

Play the Meaning of Christmas Bingo! Create a Bingo sheet (5 columns and 5 rows) using the words below. Ask everyone you meet what Christmas means to them. You can stop as soon as you get BINGO or you can try to fill up the whole card. Then go through and circle the answers you would say. It’s okay to have more than one, and there’s no wrong answer. . . but the one thing we know for sure is that Christmas means celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift!

**Bingo Word Bank**

Family	Food
Decorations	Snow
Cookies	Jesus was born
Christmas cards	Music
Gingerbread house	Carols
Helping others	Christmas lights
Christmas movies	Parties
Tradition	Going to church
A Savior	Donating toys
Stockings	Giving gifts
Shopping	Hot cocoa
Christmas trees	Advent
School break	

# Day 5

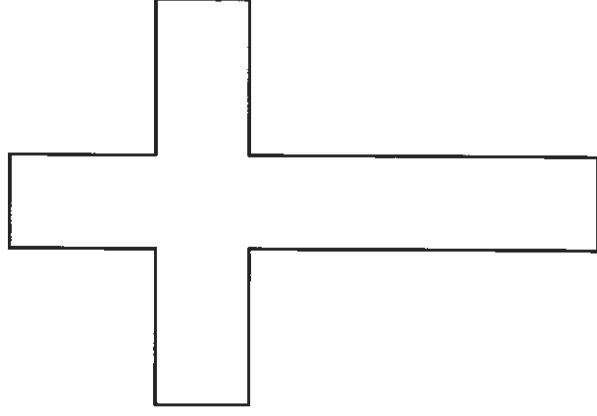
Celebrate because God sent a Savior.

God sent Jesus to the world as a baby, but Jesus sure didn’t stay that way.

Just like you, Jesus began to grow and mature. And 33 years later, Jesus died on the cross to save us. Sometimes we forget that the best part about Christmas is that God sent not just a baby, but a Savior!

Grab a sheet of paper and a pencil and trace the cross below. Add images inside the cross that have to do with Jesus’ birth such as a star, shepherds, angels, etc. Once you’re done, color in the images.

Cut out the cross and tape it on your bathroom mirror to remind yourself for the rest of December that you can celebrate because God sent a Savior!



Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem?

Why did Mary and Joseph end up staying in a place where animals stayed?

If we choose to follow Jesus, He can give us joy anytime and anywhere. Why is that true?

Name four unusual, unexpected, or out-of-the-ordinary events that occurred in today's story.

In what way is Jesus a gift?

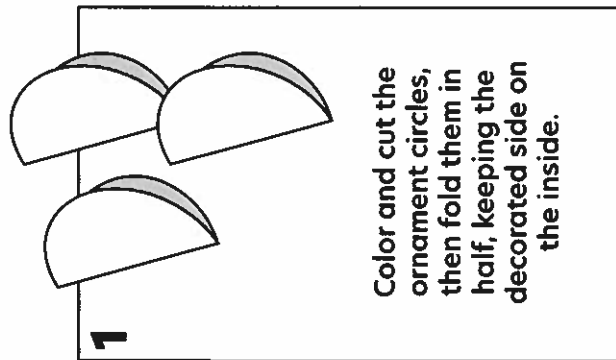
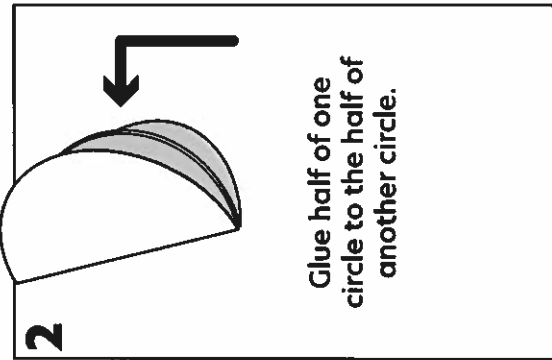
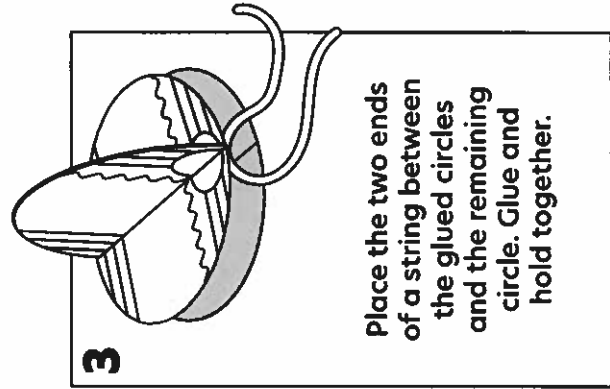
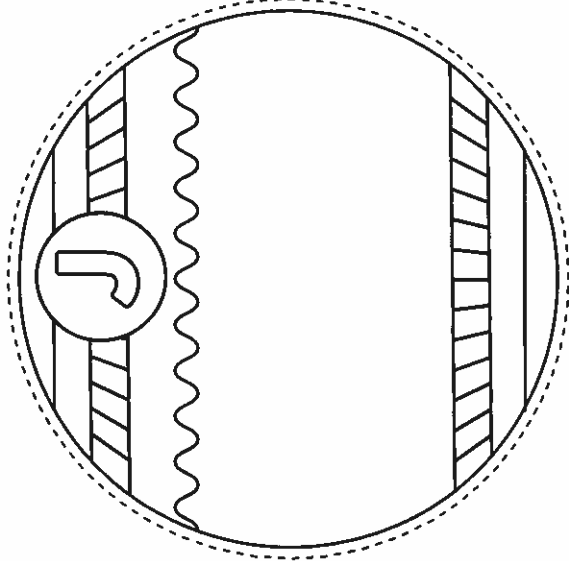
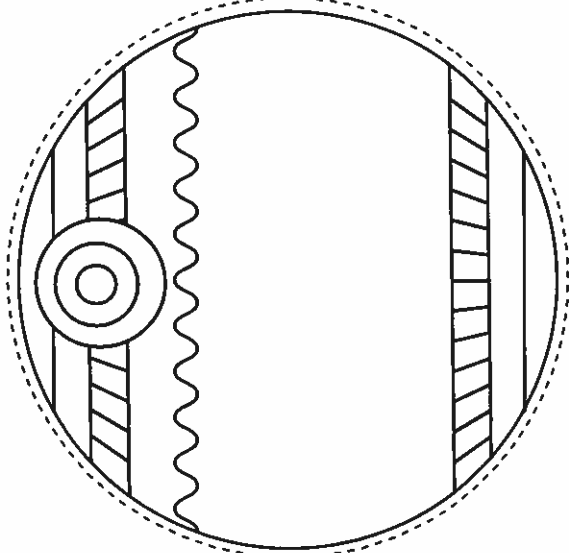
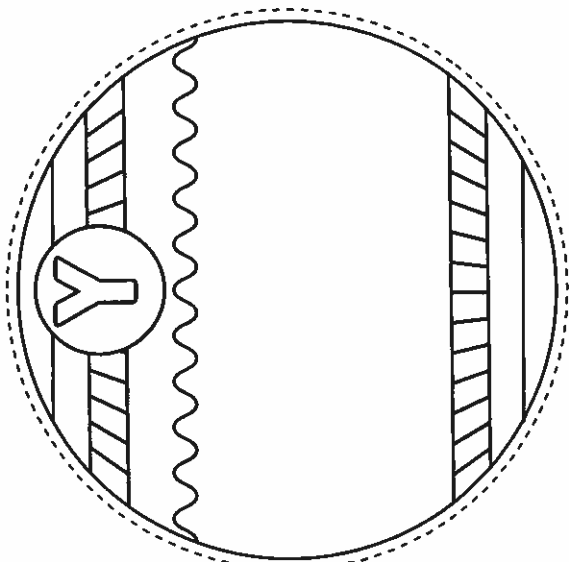
Why is there always a reason to celebrate Jesus—even when things are not going our way?

Why do you think God let Jesus be born in a place where animals stayed?

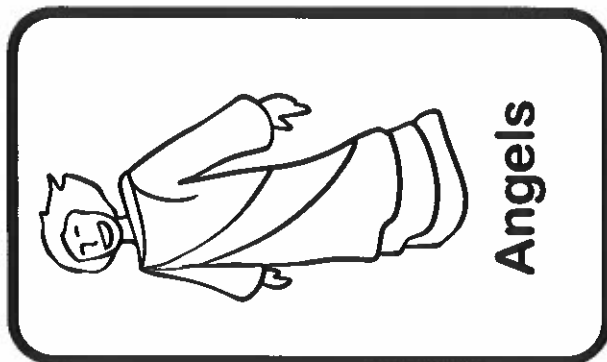
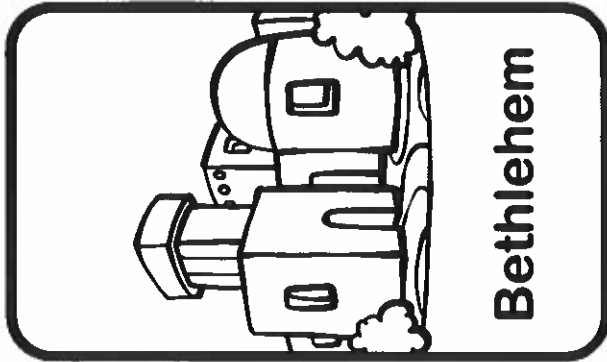
What are some things that happened in today's Bible Story that would have been difficult today?

Why did God send Jesus for us?

Why do we need a Savior?



**What to Do:**  
Print on cardstock, one for each kid.



**What to Do:**  
Print on cardstock and cut apart, two sets for each Small Group.

**"Memory Game Cards" Activity Page**  
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