

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: DECEMBER 21-22



Bible Story: Jesus is Born *Luke 2:1-20*

Big Idea: Jesus is God's greatest gift.

Focus: Jesus is God's greatest gift and was born to rescue me from my sins.

Memory Verse: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." *Luke 2:11 (NIRV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on *Luke 2:1-20*.

In Luke 2, the promised Savior is here! Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, and Mary gave birth to a baby boy. A large group of angels appeared to shepherds and announced that Jesus had been born. They said that this was good news of great joy. Jesus was the Savior. After the angels went away, the shepherds rushed to see the baby. They praised God for all He had done and shared what they had seen and heard. Mary treasured all of these things in her heart.

Jesus is God's greatest gift. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. Jesus came to rescue us from our sins! He truly is God's greatest gift. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known...Jesus...God with us!

He Question: Why did Jesus come as a baby?

Jesus could have come to Earth as a king or a warrior, but He humbled Himself to come as a tiny baby. He lived a full human life, experiencing all the same things we do. Jesus came to rescue us.

We Question: How can a baby save us from our sins?

Jesus grew up and lived a perfect life. He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. He rose again, defeating death and making a way for us to live with God forever.

Me Question: What does this mean for my life?

I can be forgiven of my sin and a part of God's family by accepting what Jesus did for me on the cross and allowing Him to be the Lord of my life.



Read John 3:16 together. Talk about what this verse has to do with Christmas. God loved the world (and us) so much He sent Jesus to the world on Christmas. Jesus was the best gift of love ever given!



DAY 1

READ "Here is what God says about His Son. God has given us eternal life. And this life is found in His son." 1 John 5:11

Why did God send Jesus to earth that first Christmas? What was the reason for His generosity? Because, God loves us, and people who love, give.

We aren't perfect. We do things that are wrong. We sin. That sin separates us from God, and we can't do enough good things to somehow make up for it. We can't earn our way into God's family. So God sent Jesus as a baby, to grow up on the earth and show us what He is like. And then Jesus paid the ultimate price and took the punishment for our sin. Jesus died on the cross so that we could have a relationship with Him forever. What an amazing gift.

Draw a cross on a piece of paper, or make a cross out of two sticks. Put it somewhere around your Christmas decorations to remind you this week the reason Jesus came to earth.

LOOK for ways to tell others about the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

DAY 2

READ "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

God gave us the greatest gift when He gave us Jesus.

This week we learned why Jesus was the greatest gift. John 3:16 says it so well.

GOD LOVED
Who did God love?

GOD GAVE
What did God give?

WE BELIEVE
What do we believe?

WE RECEIVE
What do we receive?

THANK God for the greatest gift ever given...Jesus!



DAY 3

READ "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2:11 (NIRV)

This is the memory verse for the month of December. All month long we are learning that **Jesus is God's greatest gift!** Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As you learn the memory verse this month, take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known, Jesus

Take some time to find a fun "Christmasy" way to work on memorizing the memory verse. Maybe you could sing the verse to the tune of your favorite Christmas song. You could write out the verse using Christmas colors. You could also hang an ornament on your Christmas tree as you say each word of the Memory Verse.

Memorizing this verse will help you remember that Jesus is God's greatest gift.

PRACTICE the memory verse as a reminder that Jesus is God's greatest gift

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

These are some Christmas songs that the kids are going to be hearing and singing this month in UpTown!

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Zach Williams

Joy To the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Chris Tomlin

DAY 4

READ Titus 3:4-7

Somehow, Christmas has become all about getting instead of giving. It's easy to forget about what God had in mind for celebrating Jesus' birth: His amazing generosity to us! His only Son Jesus was the ultimate gift anyone could ask for. Jesus is the REAL reason we celebrate Christmas.

It's not bad to want some new Lego@s or a new doll or a cool iPod® touch to open on Christmas morning. It's fun to give and receive gifts this time of year. But the problems start when the gifts become more important than the most important gift—Jesus.

Want to get wrapped up in the real meaning of Christmas? Then here's a little challenge for you: be generous with your time! Choose one person in your family and do something FOR them. You could clean your sister's room or sweep the kitchen floor or take out the garbage can loaded with all that wrapping paper. Choose to spend your time helping someone else just because it's the generous thing to do.

Who was the person you did something for? What did you do? Write your answers on the lines below.

KNOW that God always sees when you are generous and kind!

at a GLANCE



Bibles-n-Bucks Shopping

January 4-5	Kindergarten
January 11-12	4th Grade
January 18-19	3rd Grade
January 25-26	2nd Grade
February 1-2	1st Grade

December 23 & 24: There is no Uptown. Enjoy celebrating Christmas as a family in the worship center.

