

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

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.

DAY 2

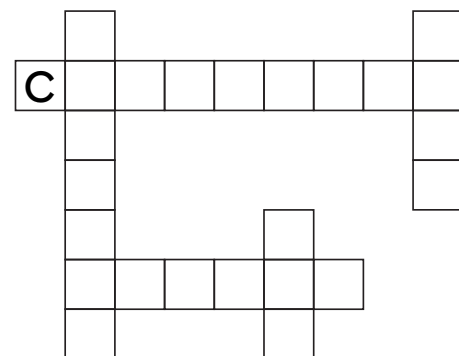
Read Luke 2:10-12

When the shepherds outside of Bethlehem looked up to find an actual angel speaking to them, they were terrified! You probably would be too. But the angel told them not to be afraid. He had good news for everyone! Jesus, the one they'd been waiting for, the Savior of the whole world was finally here.

Jesus came not as mighty warrior or powerful king but as helpless baby. Jesus' birth wasn't anything like what they expected but exactly what God had promised and planned.

Complete the puzzle below by adding the words from the word bank to the crossword. Then spend some time thanking God for sending us His one and only Son, Jesus!

Word Bank: CELEBRATE BECAUSE GOD
SENT SAVIOR



DAY 3

Read Luke 1:15-16

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?

DAY 4

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.**