

# *Celebrating a Christ-Centered Christmas*

WEEK 4

25 DAYS OF FAMILY DAILY DEVOTIONS & ACTIVITIES

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# December 21

**DISCUSS:** Have you lost something and tried hard to search for it? How did you feel when you found that item? Can you name some stories in the Bible, particularly parables of Christ, where something lost was found?

**READ:** Matthew 2:10

When the Wise men saw the star for the second time, they were filled with rejoicing. Why? They probably thought their search was leading them nowhere and they were beginning to doubt if their leaving all they had to search for the King was actually worth it. There are many times in our lives that the Lord rewards our search for Him with the feeling of joy. Let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for allowing us the privilege to be part of His family and experience His goodness in a special way this Christmas time.

**DO:** Write down on slips of paper some acts of service you will joyfully do for members of the family this Christmas time. Make about 3 and give them to each other as coupons.

**PRAY:** Praise God with a song of thanksgiving or sing "We Three Kings of Orient".



# December 22

**DISCUSS:** What is the best gift you have ever received? What made it so special? What was the best gift you have ever given a person?

**READ:** Matthew 2:11

Gifts are expressions of love. The Wise Men presented the baby Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh. When we go shopping, we think of what the recipient will like. The malls are filled with shoppers always looking for that perfect Christmas present. There is only one perfect gift and that is the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was the greatest Gift ever given. All the Christmas gifts you received in the past or will receive this Christmas will not last.

Someday, they will get old, broken or be forgotten. But Jesus is the Eternal Gift, the Only one that lasts. Let's build our relationship with Him now more than ever, for this is the only gift that will last for all time.

**DO:** Make Christmas wrapping paper with Biblical symbols such as a cross, angels, etc.



**PRAY:** Thank God for giving the perfect Gift of His Son to us.

# December 23

**DISCUSS:** Do you know that there are billions of people around the world who do not celebrate Christmas? Name some countries where Christmas is not a holiday. Do you have friends who do not know the true meaning of Christmas?

**READ:** 1 Peter 3:15-17, Philippians 2:14-16

The Christmas story did not end in Bethlehem. It continues to bring hope and light to a dying world. We have learned about each person in the Christmas story for the past days. However, we are also part of the Christmas story. God's love will not be known by others unless we are willing to reach out and share this love.

**DO:** Light a candle to symbolize your light for non-believers in the world. Try to share the Gospel with your neighbors and tell them about Jesus' love and His coming to the earth.

**PRAY:** Pray for your neighbors that they will receive Jesus as their Saviour.



# December 24

**DISCUSS:** What do you like best about Christmas? How busy have you been the past days with Christmas preparations? Imagine what it was like that first Christmas night-wasn't it a very quiet night at the stable?

**READ:** John 1:10-14

When Jesus was born, His birth was not announced over the social media or with messengers bringing news to all the people of the land. It was only announced to a handful of people. The Bible says the world did not recognize His coming. Even today, more than 2000 years after Christ's birth, many people still do not acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour. But those who receive Him become part of His wonderful family. Have you received the Lord Jesus as your Saviour?

**DO:** Dramatize the Christmas story. Wear costumes and assign parts among the family members.

**PRAY:** Pray to ask Jesus into your heart if you haven't done so. If you have, thank Him for coming into your life.



# December 25

**DISCUSS:** Today is Christmas! What presents have you received? Are they the gifts you had hoped for? What shall you give Jesus on His birthday?

**READ:** Luke 2:21-24

When baby Jesus was dedicated in the temple, His parents brought some bird offerings to consecrate Him. Nowadays, animal sacrifices are no longer needed to present to God. When Jesus came to be our Saviour, He bridged the gap between sinful man and a holy God. Now that we celebrate His birthday, there is one gift we can give Him—our lives.

**DO:** Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and blow out the candles, if you have a cake for Jesus' birthday.

**PRAY:** Write a prayer letter to Jesus as you dedicate your life as a gift to Him.

