

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Read Micah 5:2, NIV

It's finally here! The month you've waited for all year long. Yep... it's CHRISTMAS, a time for celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift. Do you like to wait? Imagine waiting for something your entire lifetime!

Micah, a prophet who spoke for God, made this promise about Jesus' birth YEARS before Jesus' arrival in the town of Bethlehem. The people who heard Micah's words would have had to wait and hope and trust God to keep the promise to send a Savior.

At just the right time, God sent Jesus. God kept the promise to send a Savior because God is faithful. That means God's words always come true. We can have HOPE because God is faithful.

Four-Panel Christmas

Fold a piece of paper in half, then fold it in half the opposite way. Open up the page to reveal four sections. In the first section, write the word HOPE in big block letters and decorate it any way you choose. Keep this page all month—you'll add to it each week!

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 7:14, NIV

When Isaiah spoke these words about Jesus' birth, they were a promise. It would be a long, long time before Mary would learn that she would have a son and that His name would be Immanuel.

Immanuel means God with us. Jesus would one day come to earth as a tiny, helpless baby. He would grow up just as you're growing up, and He would make a way for everyone to have a relationship with God forever.

God didn't have to send Jesus. But God sent Him so we could know God. Because of this perfect gift, we can have a relationship with God now and forever.

Nativity Scene

Draw a picture of Jesus in the manger and put it in your backpack or in your grown-up's car. Every time you look at the picture, thank God for always being with you.

DAY 3

Read Isaiah 9:6, NIV

There are SO many things to love about this time of year. Snowflakes, presents, lights, even crazy Christmas sweaters. But there is something more important than all those things.

God sent Isaiah as a prophet with a special message—the promise that God would one day send Jesus, God’s only Son! Since God’s promise came true, we celebrate that special birth today. Because Christmas is about celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift.

Isaiah uses some phrases to describe Jesus, our Savior. Draw a line from the title to its definition below:

- Wonderful Adviser More powerful than anyone or anything
- Mighty God The One who is eternal like God
- Father Who Lives Forever The only One who can fix our relationship with God and others
- Prince Who Brings Peace The One who can help and guide

God, thank you for Christmas, the day we celebrate Jesus. Thank you for sending Him to be my _____ because
(Title from above)

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(reason you chose that title)

*Answer Key:
Wonderful Adviser-The One who can help and guide us
Mighty God-More powerful than anyone or anything
Father Who Lives Forever-The One who is eternal like God
Prince Who Brings Peace-The One who can fix our relationship with
God and others*

DAY 4

Read Isaiah 9:7, NIV

When Isaiah spoke about a coming Savior, he talked about the peace the Savior would bring. Once God made this promise, the people began watching and waiting. Some people spent their entire lives studying the words of Isaiah so they would recognize Jesus when He came to earth. And sure enough, God sent Jesus to save us!

The Bible is full of God’s promises to us. Some of those promises—like the promise to send Jesus— have already been kept. And God is STILL keeping promises, like the promise to be with us and love us no matter what. We can have HOPE because God is faithful.

Hunting for Hope

Take a look at the Christmas decorations around your home or that you see next time you’re at the store. Each time you spot the word “HOPE,” stop and thank God for keeping the promise to send Jesus!

We can have hope because God is faithful.