



DECEMBER FAMILY GUIDE

BABIES & TODDLERS

DECEMBER 2 & 3

GABRIEL VISITS MARY
(LUKE 1)

BIG IDEA: Gabriel, an angel, visited Mary and told her good news: she was going to be the mother of the Son of God! This is good news for us, too, because the baby Mary had was Jesus! Jesus grew up and saved us from our sins.

JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 9 & 10

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(MATTHEW 1)

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GOD REASSURES

DECEMBER 16 & 17

JESUS IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE
(ISAIAH 9:6b)

BIG IDEA: God planned for Jesus to bring peace to our sinful world by rescuing His people from their sin. The birth of Jesus began God's great rescue mission — to bring all people to God.

JESUS IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE

DECEMBER 24 / 30 & 31

THE CHRISTMAS STORY / FLIGHT TO EGYPT
(LUKE 2 / MATTHEW 2)

BIG IDEA: Jesus was born! King Herod heard about the birth of Jesus and that some were calling Him a king. Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus fled to Egypt to escape King Herod's anger. This was predicted hundreds of years before by prophets. Jesus was always God's plan to save His people from their sins. We are a part of that plan!

JESUS IS THE PLAN



KEY VERSE:
MATTHEW 1:21, NIRV



GOD STATEMENT:
Jesus is the Good News



MORNING TIME:

During Advent, read a devotional as a family before you start your day. If you look up "Advent devotional week (whatever week we are on)" on Lifeway.com you will find a free advent devotional. If you have an advent devotional already, feel free to use that.



MEAL TIME:

During dinner, be intentional to ask your child(ren) what the meaning of Christmas is? Spend a couple of minutes sharing the Christmas story and how you live your life out with the truth that "Jesus is the Good News."



CAR TIME:

While driving in the car, play, "Guess that Tune (Christmas edition)." Put your Christmas music playlist on shuffle and race to see who can guess the name of each song first. After you guess the song, let the song play and belt out those holiday tunes.



NIGHTTIME:

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