



Christmas | Home Worship Guide

Big Idea: Make Christmas about Jesus by celebrating Christ's birth with your family and friends at home. Family, food, and giving gifts are great, but if Christmas is not about Jesus, it is missing the greatest gift the world has ever been given.

Read:

Luke 2:1–12 (ESV)

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Isaiah 9:6–7 (ESV)

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11 (ESV)

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Talk:

1. King Jesus was born in a manger. What does that say about Jesus?
(Note: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. - 2 Corinthians 8:9)
2. How does the first Christmas (the birth of Jesus) differ from the way we celebrate Christmas today?
3. Why did Jesus come to earth?
(Note: "...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." -Matthew 20:28)
4. Why did we need to be rescued from slavery (ransomed)?
(Note: "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life." -Romans 6:22)

Sing:

Joy To the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love.



O Come All Ye Faithful
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Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Go Tell it on the Mountain

While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our saviour's birth

Chorus:

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born
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Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our saviour's birth
Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born
And god send us salvation that blessed Christmas morn

Repeat Chorus



Serve:

1. Bring some homemade treats to your neighbors and wish them a Merry Christmas.
2. If you know someone who does not have family close by, invite them to your house for dinner or dessert.
3. Buy a gift card to give to a server. Or buy a gift card at a coffee shop and ask the barista to buy the next few drinks with it.
4. Serve at a local retirement center, homeless shelter, or community center.

Pray:

Share with each other what you are thankful for. Take time to be grateful for what God has done for you this past year.

Jesus came to make all things new (Revelation 21:5) and to fix what is broken in the world. What broken thing do you hope Jesus will fix in this world?

After you have shared, pray together. (It might be good if you allowed everyone time to pray for someone else.)

