

Simply Christmas: No Assembly Required

Use this guide to help your family celebrate
Christmas all month long.



**First, watch
this week's
video!**

Christmas:
Celebrating
Jesus, God's
greatest gift

Memory Verse

Today in the town
of David a Savior
has been born
to you. He is the
Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:11, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Is Promised
Isaiah 9:6

Bottom Line

We can have
hope because
God keeps His
promises.

Activity

Guess the Gift

WHAT YOU NEED:

Random toys, one gift bag

WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child you're going to play a game. Set out the toys and ask your child to study them, trying to memorize which ones are in the pile.

Put all the toys into the gift bag. Reach into the gift bag and choose a toy without pulling it out. Describe it to your child without telling them what it is. Then, let them guess which toy you've chosen. When they've guessed correctly, switch roles. Let your child be the one describing the toy while you try to guess which toy they chose. Alternate back and forth, describing and guessing each toy in the gift bag.

Say, "It's fun to guess when someone describes something you can't see. That's how it was for the people who were waiting for a Savior. They knew God had promised to send a Savior, but they didn't know who that Savior would be!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Review the words from Isaiah 9:6 that describe God's promised Savior:

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace

How do we know we can have hope?

Why is hope important?

How can we stay hopeful this time of year, especially with everything going on in our world right now?

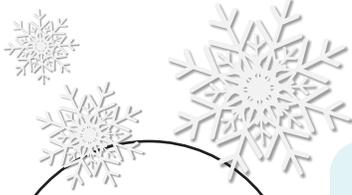
Parent: Share a story about a time when you really hoped for something.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for keeping Your promise to send a Savior. Because of Jesus, we can hope—when things are good, and also when we feel scared or nervous. Thank You for the hope we have in Him. We love You. Amen!"

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Key Question

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Phrase Fun

WHAT YOU NEED:

Note cards or strips of paper, pencil
or pen

WHAT YOU DO:

Write each of the following words on
a note card or strip of paper:

- Wonderful
- Counselor
- Mighty
- God
- Everlasting
- Father
- Prince
- Of
- Peace

Mix up the cards/strips of paper so
they're not in any particular order.
Read the week's verse (below) aloud,
one time. Based on just one reading of
the verse, challenge your child to use
the cards to create four phrases that
describe God's promised Savior.

"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
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Give your child a few moments to
arrange the cards in order. If they can't
quite complete the verse, you may
have to read it one or two more times.

Talk About the Bible Story

What's your favorite thing to do during the Christmas
season?

What brings you joy and fun at Christmastime?

What are you hoping for right now? (*Not just in terms
of what are you hoping to receive for Christmas . . . but
what is something you're hoping will happen, or how do
you hope Christmas will turn out this year?*)

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