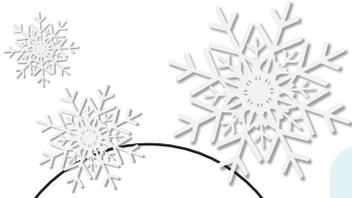


Simply Christmas: No Assembly Required



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

Key Question

What are you
hoping for?

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

Activity

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."
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

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?*)

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!"