### A DEVOTIONAL ABOUT CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH

Read: Luke 2:11 NIrV

DAY

### PROMISED GOOD NEWS

God promised to send Jesus, our Savior! Long before He was born, Isaiah and Micah told everyone the good news. Jesus brings peace and hope for everyone, everywhere!

DRAW FACES OF PEOPLE JESUS CAME FOR, EVEN YOU!







LOOK to Jesus, He came for you!

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### **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

God promised, through Micah, that Jesus would be born in tiny Bethlehem, and Jesus was! That shows God always keeps His promises. And He has promises for YOU too.

Draw a star above Bethlehem.



KNOW THAT GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES TO YOU.

**GOOD NEWS TRAVELS FAST** 

Have you ever heard really exciting news and couldn't wait to tell someone? That's what it was like when people heard about Jesus! When God sent Jesus, it was the best news ever, and people wanted everyone to know.

MAKE A PAPER MEGAPHONE WITH A GROWN-UP.
DECORATE IT WITH STICKERS OR COLORS. USE IT TO
SHOUT SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT JESUS, LIKE "JESUS
LOVES ME!"

ASK God to help you share His good news in kind and joyful ways.

### JOYFUL SONG



Mary couldn't keep quiet when she heard God's plan about Jesus! She sang a happy song to God! Think of a time you danced or jumped up and down because something great happened.

Christmas is God's good news for everyone. Jesus shows us that God keeps every promise, right on time. Take a moment to whisper "Thank You" to God. Those two words are very powerful.

#### YOU CAN EVEN PRAY A SIMPLE PRAYER LIKE THIS:

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus and Your perfect plan."

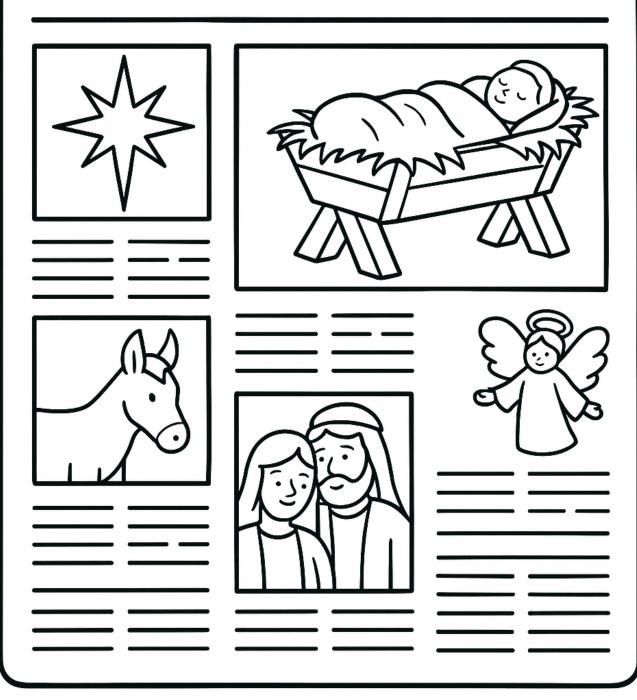
THANK God for keeping every promise!

JESUS IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE.





## GOOD NEWS! A SAVIOR IS BORN!



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Galatians 4:4 NIrV

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### PERFECT PLAN

God promised to send a Rescuer. Everyone waited and waited. God sent His angel to Mary and said: "You will have God's Son, Jesus!" God's plan never got lost. It was for the whole world and for you.

Draw a line from the heart to the child! God's love is for you!





LOOK! GOD'S PROMISES COME TRUE!

GOOD NEWS TRAVELS FAST

Waiting can be hard, like staring at wrapped presents and wondering what's inside! God's people waited hundreds of years for Jesus, but His timing was perfect. When plans feel slow, waiting for your turn on the swing or for cookies to bake, remember God always planned to send Jesus. Think about a seed hiding in dirt before a flower pops up—God works while we wait!

With a grown-up, set a timer for two minutes. While you wait, name promises God keeps (love, help, forgiveness). You can even ask your grown-up to help you think of some.

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TRUST HIM WHILE YOU WAIT.

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### STEADY PLAN

When you stack blocks into a tall tower, you have a plan about which block you will put on next and where. But towers can wobble and fall. God's plan never wobbles! Long ago, He promised to send Jesus, and nothing could stop that promise. When Mary heard God's plan, she trusted God even without knowing how everything would happen. When you feel unsure, like trying a new game or going somewhere new, remember Christmas. Jesus is proof that God keeps every promise exactly at the right time.

KNOW THAT GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS GOOD AND SURE.

JOYFUL SONG

Hold your hands like a megaphone and shout, "GOOD NEWS"! Long before newspapers or phones, God wrote His plan to send Jesus. Nothing could erase it. When the angel spoke and Jesus was born, every word came true. Think about one promise God makes to you: He loves you, helps you, and stays with you. God keeps His promises. THANK GOD for keeping His promises and for sending Jesus today.

"GOD, THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS KEEPING YOUR PLAN AND SENDING JESUS. HELP ME TRUST YOUR PROMISES."

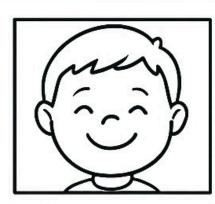
GOD ALWAYS HAD A PLAN TO SEND JESUS.

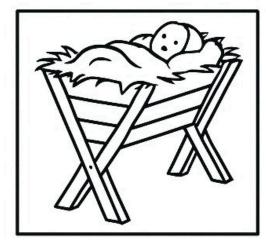


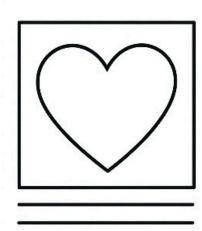
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# GOD'S PLAN: JESUS!









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Read John 3:16 NIrV

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### **GREATEST GIFT ARRIVES**

Imagine the biggest present you have ever seen. God's present was even better! He sent baby Jesus to show His love. Jesus didn't arrive in shiny wrapping but in a manger for animals. Connect the dots to make the manger:



LOOK AT JESUS, GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO YOU!

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#### **FOREVER GIFT**

Think about the best gift you ever received, maybe a game or a cuddly bear. Those presents are fun, but they won't last forever. Jesus is different. God gave Jesus to show His forever love. No batteries, no broken pieces, His love never wears out! When you feel sad, lonely, or worried, remember this gift is always with you. Smile and hold that truth tight every single day.

KNOW JESUS IS THE GREATEST GIFT FOR YOU.

### SHEPHERD SHOUT OUT

The shepherds hurried to see baby Jesus, then they hurried to share the news. You can share about God's greatest gift, too!

With a grown-up, cut a sheet of paper into a gift tag shape. Decorate it and write, "Jesus is the greatest gift!" Tape a small piece of candy to it, then place your surprise on a neighbor's doorstep or a friend's desk at school.

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU SHARE ABOUT THE GREATEST GIFT BOLDLY LIKE THE SHEPHERDS.

### THANKS FOR THE BEST GIFT

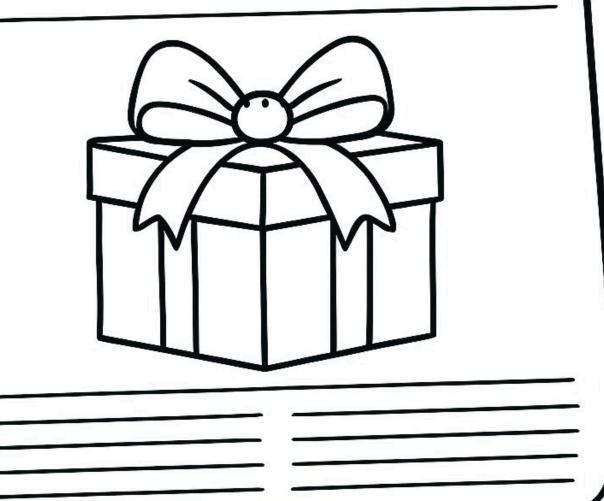


Picture Jesus lying in the manger, a gift sent for you. Think about one way the love of Jesus has helped you this week. Maybe you felt safe, brave, or loved. Tell God, "Thank you" for that. Then look for a simple way to show that thanks, like reading your Bible with your grown-up, worshipping Jesus with singing, or even talking to Jesus every day. THANK God for the greatest gift!

"JESUS, THANK YOU FOR BEING GOD'S GREATEST GIFT. HELP ME SHARE YOUR LOVE EVERYWHERE I GO."

JESUS IS THE GREATEST GIFT.





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Read Philippians 4:4 NIrV

DAY

### STARRY NEWS

Far away, wisemen spotted a new star. That bright news said a special King was born! They packed gifts and began a long trip, eager to celebrate Jesus, not just once, but every day. When you see twinkling lights, remember Jesus shines all year.

COLOR IN THE STAR BELOW AND MAKE IT SO BRIGHT!



LOOK! Notice how the star led the wise men to Jesus!

CARRY THE JOY

Long after Christmas lights fade, we can still celebrate Jesus! You can have joy every day! Each time you read a book, ride the bus, or play at recess, Jesus is with you and is worth celebrating. Even though seasons change, God's love doesn't change. Remember Him when flowers bloom, leaves crunch, and snowflakes fall.

WITH A GROWN-UP, CUT A STAR FROM STURDY PAPER, PUNCH A HOLE, TIE A SHORT RIBBON, AND WRITE "CELEBRATE JESUS."

USE IT AS A BOOKMARK OR CLIP IT TO YOUR BACKPACK.

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU CELEBRATE JESUS EVERYWHERE YOU GO.

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### **EVERYDAY CELEBRATION**

The wise men followed the bright star a long time until they found Jesus. When they finally saw Him, they bowed low and offered their best gifts. After that special day, they carried their joy home and kept remembering Jesus wherever they went. You can do the same! Christmas lights might come down, but you can still celebrate Jesus when you share, help, and speak kindly. Each kind act is like another gift laid before Him, any day of the year.

KNOW YOU CAN CELEBRATE JESUS EVERY SINGLE DAY.

GELEBRATE JESUS ALL YEAR LONG.

**JESUS IS FOR YOU** 

Jesus didn't come for just one holiday—Jesus came for you every single day. You can talk to Jesus every day, and Jesus listens. When you wake up, whisper "Good morning, Jesus." At lunch, tell Him what's fun or hard. Before bed, thank Jesus for His love. Talking with Jesus is one way we celebrate Him all year long, because He was sent to be your forever friend and King. THANK Jesus for always being with you!

"JESUS, THANK YOU FOR COMING FOR ME. I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU EVERY DAY."

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