

Countdown to Christmas

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Get to know the Bible passages that talk about the promise of Jesus' birth and the events leading to Jesus' birth.

For

Young Family

Season

Winter (begin on or before Dec. 1)

Needed

Bible, one copy of A Scripture a Day to Christmas



Prepare in Advance

- Mark your Bible to Isaiah 9:2 and Isaiah 9:6-7 (or see the text below)
- Gather needed materials as listed above
- Print out one copy of A Scripture a Day to Christmas

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, prepare us for the season of Advent and Christmas. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud Isaiah 9:2

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”

Then ask another family member to read aloud Isaiah 9:6-7

“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. 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.”

3. As a family, talk about these questions:
 - How do we get ready for Christmas?
 - What do you enjoy most about getting ready for Christmas?
 - What do you wish didn't take as long to get ready for Christmas?
 - How can we enjoy the entire month of December instead of focusing only on Christmas Day?
4. Starting on December 1 (or any day thereafter), follow the instructions on A Scripture a Day to Christmas. Let different family members take turns reading the passage each day. Talk about what happened in the scripture and why it's important for the Christmas season.
5. Keep A Scripture a Day to Christmas in a prominent place so that you remember to do it each day. For example, keep it at your dinner table and read the scripture before or after dinner. Or keep it near where you read bedtime stories so that you read the scripture as part of your family reading time.

A Scripture a Day to Christmas

As a family, read a loud the scripture for each day starting with December 1 and ending on December 25, Christmas Day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Isaiah 9:2
2 John 1:1-5	3 Micah 5:2	4 Isaiah 40:1-11	5 Isaiah 11:1	6 Isaiah 7:14	7 Luke 1:26-33	8 Luke 1:34-38
9 Matthew 1:18-25	10 Luke 1:39-45	11 Luke 1:46-56	12 Luke 1:57-66	13 Luke 1:67-80	14 John 1:6-9	15 Matthew 18:2-3
16 James 1:17	17 Isaiah 11:6	18 Luke 2:1-7	19 Luke 2:8-12	20 Luke 2:13-20	21 Matthew 2:1-2	22 Matthew 2:3-8
23 Matthew 2:9-12	24 Isaiah 9:6	25 Luke 2:1-20				

