

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

Shepherds Visit
Luke 2:8-20

Bottom Line

God's peace is
for everyone.

Activity

Sheep Basket

WHAT YOU NEED:

Six pairs of white balled-up socks, a
laundry basket

WHAT YOU DO:

Place the basket in the center of a
room. Give your child three of the
pairs of balled-up socks. You take the
other three pairs. Then, challenge
your child to see who is better at
tossing the white balls of socks into
the basket. Stand on one side of the
basket and have your child stand on
the other. Both of you walk 10 steps
away from it, then toss.

If time allows, play another round—
with a variation. Blindfold your child
and give them all six pairs of socks.
Have them take five steps away from
the basket, and see how many they can
toss in. Another variation would be to
have another family member come in
and blindfold BOTH of you; then both
of you take five steps and toss.

When you're finished, say, "Do these
white, fluffy socks remind you of
anything from our story?" (The sheep
the shepherds were taking care of.)

Talk About the Bible Story

Who visited Jesus in our story today? (*The shepherds*)

How did the shepherds know that Jesus had been
born? (*An angel appeared to them and told them.*)

Read what the angels said to the shepherds in Luke 2:14.

What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus?
(*They went and spread the word that Jesus had been
born. Then, they praised God.*)

Who is God's peace for? (*Everyone*)

When you think of peace, what do you think of?

*Parent: Share a personal story about a time you felt
peaceful in a non-peaceful situation. Where did that
peace come from? Did you ask God to provide it?
Was there someone else with you who helped you
experience peace?*

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You so much for giving us a Savior.
Thank You that because of Jesus, we can have peace
in every situation—and all we have to do is ask. We ask
that You would help us to be peaceful people—kind
and loving, generous and forgiving. We love You. Amen!"