

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

Key Question

What does it mean
to have peace?

Activity

Peaceful or Not Peaceful?

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two sheets of paper and a writing
utensil

WHAT YOU DO:

Write down the word "Peaceful" on
one sheet of paper, and "Not Peaceful"
on the other. Tell your child that
you're going to describe a situation
to them. If they think it sounds like
a *peaceful* situation, they hold up the
"Peaceful" sign. If they think it doesn't
sound peaceful, they hold up the "Not
Peaceful" sign.

As you read the following scenarios,
pause after each one, allowing your
child to choose the "Peaceful" or "Not
Peaceful" sign.

- ▶ Watching a big parade
- ▶ Taking a test
- ▶ Hiking in the mountains
- ▶ Hearing a thunderstorm
- ▶ Singing and worshipping God
- ▶ Arguing with a friend or sibling
- ▶ Reading the Bible
- ▶ Sleeping

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.*)

When you think of the word "peace," what do you think of?

What is the opposite of peace? What does that feel like?

What are some things that make you feel worried or
afraid?

*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!"