



**BASIC TRUTH**

**JESUS WANTS TO BE MY  
FRIEND FOREVER.**

**KEY QUESTION**

**WHY IS JESUS SPECIAL?**

**BOTTOM LINE**

**JESUS IS GOD'S SON.**

**MEMORY VERSE**

**"I bring you good news of great joy."  
Luke 2:10, NLV**

**SMALL TALK**

**WEEK 1**

*LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46*

God sends an angel to tell Mary she will give birth to His Son and His name will be Jesus.

**WEEK 2**

*LUKE 2:1-7*

Mary gives birth to Jesus in a stable.

**WEEK 3**

*LUKE 2:6-18*

Angels go to the shepherds, while they are watching their sheep in the fields at night, and announce the birth of Jesus, God's Son.

**WEEK 4**

*LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46; 2:1-18*

Review the Christmas story.





## MORNING TIME

This month let your child wake up to, "Good morning! We're one day closer to Jesus' birthday!" On Christmas Day, let your child wake up to, "Good morning! It's Jesus' birthday! Happy birthday, Jesus!" (Oh, and a little bouncing on the bed together as you say "Happy birthday, Jesus!" is totally appropriate here.)



## CAR TIME

'Tis the season to . . . celebrate Jesus! You won't have to look far, as you drive around town, to see signs of this special season. Look for things that remind you of the true story of Christmas and point them out to your child. See a star? angel? animals? baby Jesus? wise men? Hey, even decorations like twinkling lights can remind you of the special star, and candy canes make fantastic birthday party decorations! The important thing is to remember Jesus is God's Son and that is what Christmas is all about.



## BATH TIME

Bath time is a great time to review Bible verses with your child. Use the hand motions below to help your child (and yourself) learn this month's verse. "I bring you (start with hands up and bring them in to chest like catching a football) good news (right arm up with jazz hand) of great joy." (left arm up with jazz hand), Luke 2:10 (NLV). (Open your hands like a book.)



## CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray. "Dear God, thank You for such a special time of year when we can celebrate Jesus' birthday. There's so much going on with decorations, gifts, and food that it's easy to forget the real reason we're celebrating. Help us to remember that this is all about Jesus' birthday. He really is the best gift ever! We love You, God. We love Your Son, Jesus. In His name we pray, amen."



## PLAY TIME

Make this a family game! Spread out over a large room. Have one person run to another and say, "God's Son will be born, and His name will be Jesus!" The person who receives the special message will then run to another family member and repeat the same sentence, "God's Son will be born, and His name will be Jesus!" Each time a person receives the special message, they will take it to someone else. Play as long as you like!



Merry Christmas! It's time to celebrate the birth of our Savior! This is such an exciting time of year, especially for families with little ones. There is nothing more fun than watching a preschooler's face light up as he helps decorate the Christmas tree or rides by a house decorated with Christmas lights. Family and tradition help to make the Christmas season extra special.

Have you started Christmas traditions with your little one? Sure, there are the traditions that you did when you were little, but what traditions are you creating with your children? You could read a different Christmas story every night. Or, choose a different Christmas movie to watch each Friday of December. Maybe you want to be sure to bake Christmas cookies for the neighbors every year. Many choose to read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2 on Christmas Eve. There are a multitude of ideas, but only you can pick the ones that are best for your family.

Whatever you choose to do together, know that you are creating memories that will live in your child's heart forever. Family and Jesus, now that's what Christmas is all about.

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There's an app for that:

**Parent Cue App** – centered around a monthly topic, this app sends weekly CUEs that remind us to connect with our kids whether at home or on the go. You can even watch Bible story videos during drive time using the app.