

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Matthew 2:1-2

After Jesus was born, wise men from the East traveled to find Jesus. What did they follow? Yes, a star! Here are a few fun facts about stars . . .

- ➔ The Milky Way is the galaxy in which our Solar System resides. It is estimated to contain anywhere from 100 to 400 BILLION stars.
- ➔ Most of the stars you see in the sky at night are BIGGER and BRIGHTER than the sun!
- ➔ Did you know that stars are different colors? The color is determined by the star's temperature. And while you might think hotter stars would be RED, the opposite is true. The hottest stars are BLUE, followed by white, yellow, orange and red. The coolest stars are brown!

These wise men didn't follow the GPS on their phones to get to Jesus! God has His own supernatural miraculous way to get them there so they could celebrate Jesus!

DAY 2

Read Matthew 2:7-8

When you read King Herod's words, you might be tempted to think he had good reasons for questioning the wise men. But King Herod was being tricky. He didn't want to find Jesus so he could worship Him. King Herod wanted to get rid of Jesus. Why? Because Herod didn't want anyone else in charge. He was the king and he wanted to keep all his power.

But Jesus is the King of all Kings. No matter what Herod tried to do, he wasn't powerful enough to stop God's plan! Jesus wouldn't be the kind of king who would sit on a royal throne like Herod. God sent Jesus to be the king of our hearts. Jesus came to make a way for us to be forgiven so we can have a relationship with God, forever.

That's why we celebrate Christmas. The celebration doesn't have to stop once the calendar roles over to December 26th. We can stop and thank God every single day for sending Jesus to us!

What is one way you could celebrate Jesus today?

DAY 3

Read Matthew 2:9-10

Think about the last time you were filled with joy.

Was it . . .

- on your birthday
- when your team won the championship game
- when your teacher said, "Guess what? NO homework!"

When the wise men saw the star that led them to Jesus, they were filled with joy!

Nothing can compare to the gift of Jesus. God sent us the most precious, perfect, valuable gift ever when He sent His only Son.



Star Sayin'

1. Grab a piece of paper and draw a star. (Tip: If you have a star cookie cutter in the kitchen, you can trace around it!).
2. Decorate your star anyway you choose and write today's bottom line on the page: Never stop celebrating Jesus.



Every time you look up at the night sky and see a star, thank God for sending Jesus, His only Son, so that you could be filled with joy!

DAY 4

Read John 3:16

Do you have a nativity scene at your house? Are there three wise men bowing down before baby Jesus? The Bible never says there were exactly three wise men. We do know they brought three gifts but there could have been two or five of them who showed up that day.

Before you run off to tell your Mom why your nativity scene is incorrect, just stop for a minute and think about how amazing this all truly is. God loved us so much that He gave us Jesus.

The celebration doesn't have to be contained to Christmas Day. We should never stop celebrating Jesus.

Today's verse (also our memory verse for December) is basically God's great big plan summed up in two sentences. Do you know it by heart?

Come up with a fun way to learn this verse and then work until you can say it from memory!

Never stop celebrating Jesus.