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Talk WHY DID LUKE DECIDE TO WRITE THIS IMPORTANT BOOK?

Do FIND A BOOK FROM YOUR HOUSE OR GET A BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY AND READ AS A FAMILY! WHY DO YOU THINK THE AUTHOR WROTE THAT BOOK?





Read <u>LUKE 1:26-28</u>

Talk WHAT WOULD YOUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS BE IF AN ANGEL SUDDENLY SHOWED UP IN YOUR HOUSE?

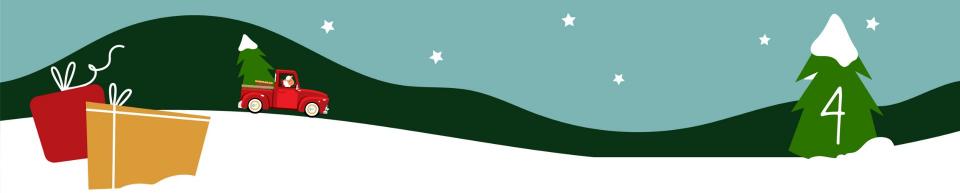
Do SEE IF YOU CAN SCARE A FAMILY MEMBER TODAY BY JUMPING OUT AND CATCHING THEM OFF GUARD. PLAY PEEK-A-BOO WITH YOUNGER SIBLINGS.



Read <u>LUKE 1:29-31</u>

Talk WHAT'S THE FIRST THING GABRIEL TELLS MARY AND WHY WOULD HE SAY THAT? ANGELS SAY THIS OFTEN (GENESIS 21:17, JUDGES 6:22-23, DANIEL 8:17, LUKE 2:10)

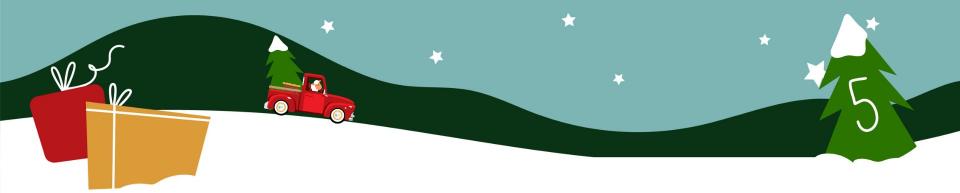
Do God's message to us can be scary but he gives us strength to face our fears... do something today you've been afraid to do, try or say!



Read <u>IUKE 1:32-33</u>

Talk Imagine you were going to have another brother and that your brother was going to be the king of the Universe... What is the first thing you would do?

Do JESUS IS NOT JUST A REGULAR BABY! HE IS KING! HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! USE THIS <u>scavenger hunt</u> to search for light that reminds of the light of Jesus this christmas season!



Read <u>LUKE 1:34-35</u>

Talk WHAT DO BRAND NEW BABIES DO? DO YOU THINK JESUS DID THOSE THINGS WHEN HE WAS BORN EVEN THOUGH HE IS ALSO GOD?

Do GRAB A BABY DOLL OR STUFFED ANIMAL AND PRETEND IT'S BABY JESUS! CHANGE BABY JESUS' DIAPER. FEED BABY JESUS. SING TO BABY JESUS. PLAY PEEK-A-BOO WITH BABY JESUS.



Read <u>LUKE 1:36-37</u>

Talk What does verse 37 mean for your life? Elizabeth had to wait a long time but does God always do what he promised?

Do PUT YOUR PATIENCE TO THE TEST BY BAKING/COOKING SOMETHING AS A FAMILY! HERE IS A FUN <u>RECIPE</u> TO TRY! JUST LIKE ELIZABETH, SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME TOO!



Read IUKE 1:38

Talk Mary said she was the Lord's servant. How can you be the Lord's servant today?

D• Using extra ingredients from yesterday's baking, create <u>Mason Jars</u> Filled with baking MIX or treats to serve those around you and be a light F christ!



Read <u>LUKE 1:39-41</u>

Talk. Who did Mary GO VISIT? What relatives do you like to visit and what do you like to talk about with them?

 ${f Do}$ find a picture of a time you went and visited a relative!



Read <u>LUKE 1:42-45</u>

Talk WHY DID ELIZABETH SAY MARY WAS BLESSED? DO YOU BELIEVE GOD WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS IN YOUR LIFE?

Do What is something that makes you jump for joy? Maybe it's a song you love? A game you like to play? A favorite toy? Share your favorite things, then take turns doing everybody's favorite thing!



Read <u>LUKE 1:46-49</u>

Talk WHAT GREAT THINGS IS GOD DOING FOR MARY? WHAT GREAT THINGS DOES GOD DO FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

 ${f Do}$ sing a christmas ${{\color{black} \underline{SONG}}}$ together and praise GOD as a family!





Read <u>LUKE 1:50-56</u>

Talk WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS MARY SAYS GOD HAS DONE IN THE PAST IN HER PRAISE TO GOD?

Do TAKE TURNS SHARING ONE PRAISE STATEMENT ABOUT GOD! (Ex. "God I praise you, for you are...")





Read MATTHEW 1:18-20

Talk WHO DID JOSEPH DREAM ABOUT AND WHAT DID HE TELL HIM?

Do CREATE AN <u>ANGEL ORNAMENT</u> TO REMEMBER THE ANGEL OF THE LORD COMING TO JOSEPH IN THE DREAM!





Read MATTHEW 1:21-24

Talk. What do the names Jesus and Immanuel Mean? What do these names tell us about Jesus, the son of God?

 \mathcal{D} o Look up your name! What does it mean?





Read <u>LUKE 2:1-3</u>

Talk What does a census mean? If you don't know, have your parents explain. This <u>video</u> might help!

Do COUNT HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE AT YOUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION! OR COUNT HOW MANY CHRISTMAS CARDS YOU SEND OUT AS A FAMILY.





Read <u>LUKE 2:4-5</u>

Talk. Have you ever slept outside? Mary and Joseph had to travel about 90 Miles from their home to Bethlehem and probably had to sleep on the ground. Imagine what it would be like to travel for days outside?

 $\mathcal{D}\mathbf{o}$ Use google images to search for Bethlehem and Nazareth. Is it like you imagined?



Read <u>LUKE 2:6-7</u>

Talk. Where is your most snuggly place to sleep? A food bucket? (haha) What sounds do you think baby Jesus heard as he slept?

Do Snuggle up in your coziest blanket and watch a Christmas movie as a family! Thank God for blankets and comfy chairs!



Read <u>LUKE 2:8-9</u>

Talk. Describe the scene of the shepherds right before and right after the angels appeared. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been a shepherd?

Do Watch this <u>video</u> about the shepherds. Then, put your shepherd skills to the test in this <u>"Sheep Protector"</u> GAME!



Read <u>IUKE 2:10-12</u>

Talk. What was the sign given so that shepherds would know it was Jesus? How can we recognize Jesus today?

 \mathbf{Do} look around your house and point out things that are "signs" of Jesus or things that remind us of him!



Read <u>LUKE 2:13-14</u>

Talk. What did the armies of heaven say? Do you imagine it was loud or quiet? What do you imagine the rest of Bethlehem heard that night?

Do READ PSALM 19:1-4. LOOK OUTSIDE OR TALK A WALK OUTSIDE. HOW DOES NATURE ALSO DECLARE GOD'S GLORY LIKE THE ANGELS DID THAT NIGHT.



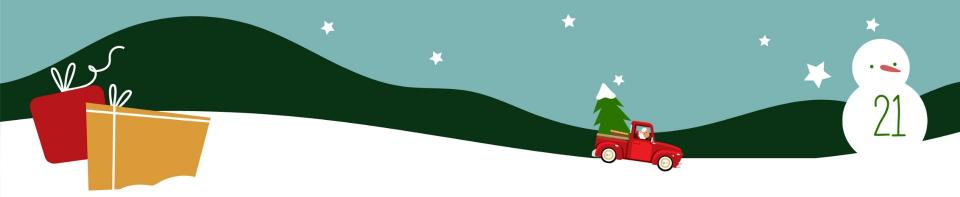


Read <u>LUKE 2:15-17</u>

Talk. Why were the shepherds curious and who did they tell about what they found? If you were one of the shepherds, who is the first person you would tell?

Do SING, SHOUT AND DANCE TO <u>"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"</u>



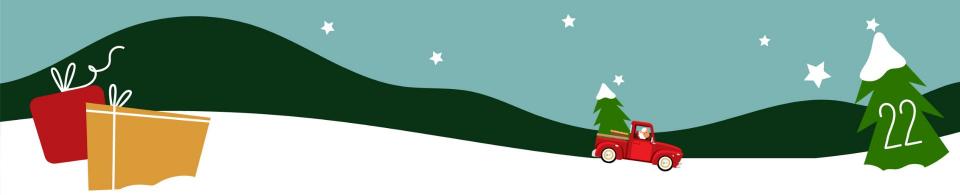


Read <u>IUKE 2:18-20</u>

Talk. What does it mean to keep something in your heart and think about it? Why should we also keep the birth of Jesus in our hearts and think about it often?

Do ONE THING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN OUR HEARTS IS GOD'S WORD! AS A FAMILY, MEMORIZE VERSE 19 TOGETHER! COME UP WITH ACTIONS TO HELP YOU REMEMBER IT!





Read MATTHEW 2:1-2

Talk. The wise men asked questions to find out more about Jesus. What questions do you have about Jesus?

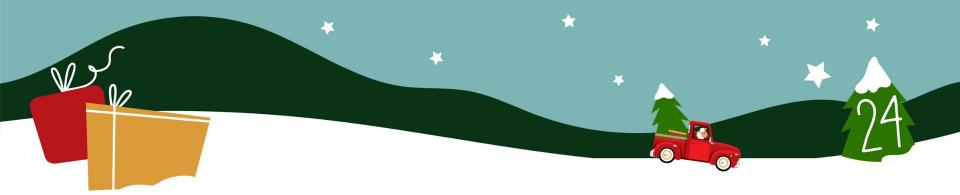
 ${f D}{u \circ}$ GO OUTSIDE AT NIGHT AND LOOK UP AT THE STARS! READ PSALM 147:4. CAN YOU COUNT ALL THE STARS AND NAME THEM TOO? WHAT DOES THIS TELL YOU ABOUT GOD?



Read MATTHEW 2:3-8

Talk. The priests and King Herod didn't see the signs pointing to Jesus but the wise men searched and found Him. How can you seek Jesus with the same heart as the wise men?

Do See if you and your family can complete this <u>Christmas Word Search</u> Before the timer runs out!

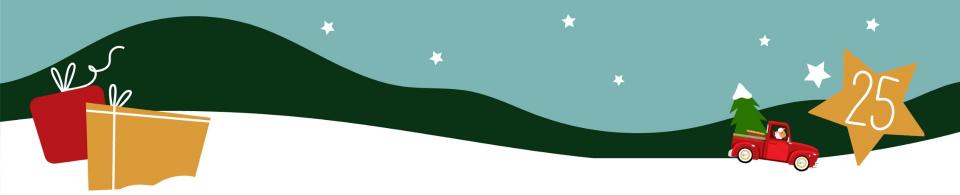


Read MATTHEW 2:9-11

Talk ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY WE ANTICIPATE GETTING GIFTS, BUT WHAT GIFTS DID THE WISE MEN GIVE JESUS? WHAT GIFT CAN YOU GIVE JESUS TODAY?

Do Make a gift for Jesus! (ex. Draw or paint him a picture, decorate an ornament or stocking for him, write him a letter)





Read 10HN 1:10-14

Talk. Do you recognize Jesus? Is he your Savior? Have you accepted the absolute best gift at Christmas which is eternal life?

Do DO OUR <u>Gospel Activity</u> together. If you or your child makes a decision to follow Jesus, we want to know! You can email <u>chowey@visitgracechurch.com</u>.