Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read John 3:16

Christmas is just around the corner. Maybe you have a tree up where you live or go to school. It could be that you're starting to see wrapped gifts appear under the tree for the people in your family. It's so fun to give gifts at Christmas time!

We give gifts because God gave us the best gift ever. When we put our trust in Jesus and what He's done for us, we're accepting God's gift! When you believe in Him you have or receive a relationship with God forever.

Best. Gift. Ever.

Write out this verse on a piece of paper and illustrate it any way you choose. Then, wrap it up in a box with a gift tag that reads "FOR: EVERYONE." On Christmas morning, select one member of your family to open the gift and read the verse together. Talk about the real reason you celebrate this very special day because Jesus is the greatest gift.

DAY 2

Read Luke 2:7

Did you catch the part that talks about Mary wrapping baby Jesus in large strips of cloth? In ancient times, babies were swaddled in yards and yards of white cotton or linen cloth. Jewish mothers believed that if they swaddled their babies tightly in this way, their arms and legs would grow straight and strong!

This little detail from the night Jesus was born is a big reminder that Jesus, though He was God's one and only Son, came to earth as a tiny, helpless baby. Just like any baby, Jesus needed Mary and Joseph to care for Him.

Swaddle Me

Grab a big blanket. Ask your Mom or Dad to demonstrate how they swaddled you as a baby. It's probably a lot harder to wrap you up this way at your age! As you laugh through this silly assignment, talk about how God chose to send Jesus as a baby, the greatest gift of all.

There's More! →

DAY 3

Read Galatians 4:4

When the time was right, God sent Jesus to save the whole world. But He didn't come down from the clouds on a golden chariot surrounded by an army of angels.

Jesus came as a baby, like us. It's why Isaiah said Jesus would be called Immanuel which means God with us. By becoming like us, Jesus not only understands what it's like to be human, he also made a way for all of us to be forgiven.

Countdown to Christmas

Write out today's verse on a card and read it as a family Christmas morning. As you prepare for the big day, remember that Jewish people had been preparing for this day for generations because Jesus is the greatest gift!

DAY 4

Read John 1:14

When John talks about "the Word," he was talking about Jesus! Write "Jesus" in the blanks below and read the verse aloud.

"..... became a human being. He made his home with us. We have seen his glory. It is the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father. And ..... is full of grace and truth." John 1:14

When God sent Jesus to earth as a baby, Jesus became like us. That means Jesus experienced what life is like in our shoes. He knows what it's like to be happy and sad, scared and peaceful. On top of that, Jesus came to make a way for us to have life forever with God.

Grace and Truth

Draw a heart around the word grace and a cross over the word truth in the verse above. Then stop and pray and thank God for sending Jesus for you, the greatest gift ever given.

Jesus is the greatest gift.

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