



Wonder of Christmas!

WHAT CAN I GIVE JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS?

- I can sing to Jesus.
- I can read God's Word and memorize a new verse.
- I can be patient with my family and friends.
- I can forgive someone who wasn't nice to me.
- I can be kind and do my chores without being asked.
- I can talk to Jesus everyday.
- I can thank Jesus for everything I have, everyone I love, and everything I can do.
- I can give Jesus something that isn't good for me, like too many sweets, arguing, complaining, whining, being impatient, wanting my own way, not brushing my teeth, or skipping my chores.
- **The very best thing I can give Jesus is my whole heart!**

DID YOU KNOW ...

- **A CHRISTMAS BOW** reminds us that we are all better when our hearts are tied together.
- **A CANDLE** is a symbol of the starlight from the Star of Bethlehem that shone over the stable when Jesus was born.
- **A CANDY CANE** is the shape of a shepherd's hook, used to keep the lambs safe. Upside down, it's a J for *Jesus*. The color red reminds us that Jesus sacrificed His life to save us, and the color white reminds us that Jesus died to take away all our sins.
- **CHRISTMAS BELLS** are special. Shepherds rang bells to help lost sheep find their way home. In the parable of the lost sheep, the Shepherd left 99 sheep to search for the one that was lost. Christmas bells remind us that every single one of us is precious to Jesus. He loves us more than we will ever know.



THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Read one passage a day as you travel through December to Christmas.

1. God sent the angel Gabriel to a girl who lived in Nazareth ... Her name was Mary. (Luke 1:26-27)
2. The angel said to Mary, "Don't be afraid, God is pleased with you." (Luke 1:30)
3. Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy, and you will name him Jesus. (Luke 1:31)
4. Jesus will be great. People will call him the Son of God. (Luke 1:32)
5. Mary said, "I am a servant of God. Let this happen to me as you say!" (Luke 1:38)
6. Caesar sent an order to all the people. Everyone's name had to be written on a list. (Luke 2:1)
7. Everyone traveled to their hometown to have their names put on Caesar's list. (Luke 2:3)
8. Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem to put their names on Caesar's list. (Luke 2:4-5)
9. While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son. There were no rooms left in the inn, so Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and laid him in the manger. (Luke 2:6-7)
10. That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. (Luke 2:8)
11. An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds. The glory of God was shining around them. And the shepherds were very afraid. (Luke 2:9)
12. The angel said to the shepherds, "Don't be afraid! I am bringing you good news that will be a joy to all people." (Luke 2:10)
13. Today your Savior is born. He is Christ, the Lord. (Luke 2:11)
14. You will find the baby Jesus wrapped in cloths and lying in an animal's feeding box. (Luke 2:12)
15. The angels from Heaven were praising God, saying, "Give glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" (Luke 2:13-14)
16. The shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby, and they told them what the angels had said about Jesus. (Luke 2:16-17)
17. Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking Him for everything they had seen and heard, just as the angel had told them. (Luke 2:20)
18. After Jesus was born, wise men from the east traveled to Jerusalem. (Matthew 2:1)
19. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. (Matthew 2:10)
20. The wise men went to the house where Jesus was. They bowed down and worshiped Him. (Matthew 2:11)
21. The wise men gave Jesus treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)
22. A child will be born. God will give us His Son. He will lead His people. His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)
23. For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life. (John 3:16)
24. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

