

Extra Extra!—A Devotional about Jesus' Birth!



DAY 1

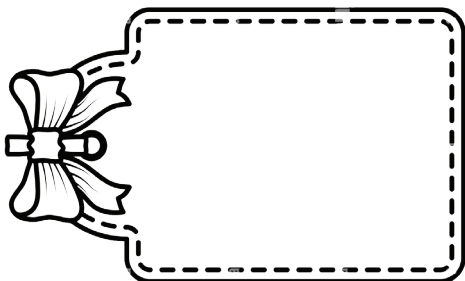
Read John 3:16 NIV

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.”

Have you ever seen a gift tag on a present? It shows who the present is for. God placed the biggest tag on Christmas: “To: the whole world. From: God.” Inside was Jesus, the greatest gift ever! Sooner or later, gifts might crack, get lost, or need batteries. Jesus never breaks. He forgives sin, fills hearts with love, and stays forever.

Jesus wasn't wrapped in gold paper. He arrived as a baby in a manger so anyone could reach Him. When you open presents, pause and whisper, “Thank You, God, for Jesus.” This Christmas, remember God's love, and share that love with smiles, kind words, and helping hands.

Write your name on the gift tag, then color it bright!



DAY 2

Read Luke 2:11 NIV

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Have you ever raced to unwrap a present, hoping for the perfect surprise? Christmas presents are so great but there is a gift that is better than all other gifts! On the first Christmas night, the angel said, “A Savior has been born to you!” Jesus is God's greatest gift, packed with forgiveness, peace, and forever life—no batteries or updates needed.

Because Jesus is the greatest gift, every other present is just a bonus. Jesus never runs out, and Jesus is always the best gift.

Wrap an empty tissue box like a present. Cut paper slips. Each day, write one way Jesus helps you and your family. Here are some examples. “God forgives, God comforts, Jesus saved me, Jesus doesn't leave me, the Holy Spirit helps me.” Drop the slips inside the box. On Christmas morning, open the box and read them aloud to celebrate God's greatest gift, Jesus, together!



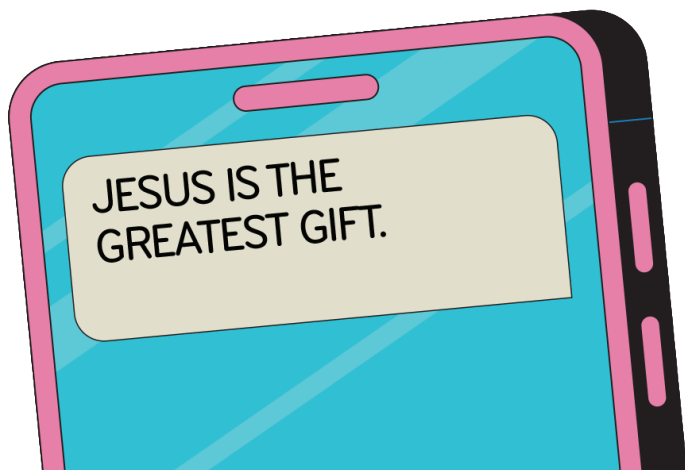
DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:9 NlrV

"Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him."

Imagine opening a present that never loses power or breaks. That is what God did at Christmas! He showed His love by sending Jesus, the greatest gift. Shepherds heard angels sing, ran to Bethlehem, and found a tiny baby wrapped like any other child. Toys, games, and candy are fun for a while, but they cannot rescue hearts. Jesus can. He brings forgiveness that erases sin, peace that calms fears, and hope that lasts longer than forever.

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Find a quiet corner. Close your eyes and picture your favorite present (real or imaginary). Now imagine placing it beside a bright manger. Tell God one reason Jesus is even greater than that present. Write the reason on a small note and tuck it under your tree to read on Christmas morning.



### DAY 4

#### Read Luke 2:14 NlrV

*"May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"*

God's angels burst through the night sky, singing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven!" They were not cheering for shiny ribbons or giant boxes. Their song praised WHO God is and WHAT He was doing through Jesus. That first Christmas shows us to keep praising God long after the wrapping paper is gone.

Think about your favorite present, maybe a board game, headphones, or a soccer ball. Those gifts are fun, but they can break, get lost, or be replaced by something newer. God's love never wears out, and His peace stays forever. He is better than any present. When we choose to follow Jesus, our everyday choices become songs that give God glory.

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You could whisper a prayer while getting ready for the day, sing a worship song while cleaning your room, or thank God for a friend during recess.

"Dear God, You deserve the loudest praise. Thank You for loving me and sending Jesus. Help my words, choices, and attitude shout "Glory to God" today and every day. Show me one person I can bless with Your love. Amen."

