

What is Christmas to You?

Major Points: At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Mary was Jesus' mother.

God is Jesus' father.

Scripture Ref. Luke 1:26-38 (Mary is told about Jesus)

Memory Verse: Luke 1:31 You will ...give him the name Jesus.

Lesson: **What holiday is coming up soon?**

Christmas... Of course, Christmas!

What does Christmas mean to you?

(Listen to your child tell you about Christmas. They may want to tell you how they celebrate Christmas. Listen with interest. Say affirming things.) They will want to talk about Santa, presents etc. and that's ok.

All of these things, that we do with our family, are good things that help us celebrate Christmas! I'm so glad you celebrate with your family and friends!

Today I want to tell you the reason we have Christmas.

The reason we have Christmas is to celebrate Jesus' birth!

Jesus is the Son of God.

A long time ago Jesus was born here (in a small town called Bethlehem).

That is why we celebrate Christmas! It is Jesus' birthday!!

Mary was Jesus' mother.

Mary was the name of the woman who had baby Jesus.

She was Jesus' mommy.

One day an angel came to see Mary.

The angel told her that she was going to have a baby.

The baby was going to be God's Son.

The angel told her that she was to name the baby, Jesus.

God is Jesus' Father.

God the Father called Jesus His "One and Only Son."

God is Jesus' daddy.

God loved us very much to send His Son here.

We celebrate this by having Christmas each year! Christmas is Jesus' birthday!

Prayer: Let's pray and thank God for sending His Son, Jesus!

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us.

Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to be here with us.

Thank you for Christmas.
We love you. Amen.

Suggested Activities: (Pick and choose the activities that work best for you!)

Have a Birthday Party!

- Sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus
 - Sing the traditional “Happy Birthday” with Jesus’ name in it!
- Have Birthday Cake (optional)
 - **For extra fun...or can do on Christmas Day!** Have a cake (or cupcakes) with a candle on top for Jesus’ Birthday. Have the person whose birthday is closest to December 25th blow out the birthday candle.
 - Tell your child it has been over 2000 years since Jesus was born. (*That would be a LOT of candles!!*) Explain that we still celebrate Jesus’ birth because it was such an important thing that happened!
- Play Christmas music quietly in the background. ○ One suggestion: “Happy Birthday, Jesus” by Carol Cymbala. Copyright 1992 by Word Music LLC, a division of Word Music, Inc.

“Cake Decorating”

Copy the attached coloring page of a plain birthday cake with Jesus’ name on it. Using markers or crayons, have your child “decorate” the cake.