

Talk About It:

- What is the best gift you've ever received?
 - What special gift are you hoping for this Christmas?
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Read About It:

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Read this story from Luke 2:1-7:

In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby.

While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

- Why did Joseph and Mary have to go to Bethlehem?
 - There was no guest room for Mary and Joseph, so Jesus was born in a room where animals were kept. How would you feel spending the night in a room like that?
 - How do you think Mary and Joseph felt being so far away from home when their baby was born?
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Sing About It:

Because Jesus was born for us, we have great joy! Sing about the joy Jesus brings to the world with this song on YouTube:

[Joy to the World](#) (Lifetree Kids, Songs of the Christmas Story, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- The Savior of the world was born in a very surprising way! His parents were a regular mom and dad, not a king or queen. He was born a place where animals were kept, far away from his parents' home.
 - If you could choose a place for the Savior of the world to be born, where would it be?
 - Why do you think God chose regular people to be Jesus' parents? Why not a king and queen or other powerful people?
 - Why does Jesus' birth make Christmas so special for you and your family?
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Make It:

This week, add an angel, star, and baby Jesus to your nativity scene. Use crayons or markers to color them. Add some gold glitter to the star, if you'd like. Cut them out, then glue them onto the same paper with Mary, Joseph, and the sheep.

Do It:

Jesus is the best gift ever given. Because of Jesus, we can live with God forever. Find ways this week to remind others that Christmas is about Jesus – the best gift of all.

- Call or video call your grandparents or other special grownups and sing *Joy to the World* to them. Ask them to sing along!
 - Bake cookies or make candy to take to a neighbor or special friend, with a note that shares how Jesus was born for us.
 - Make a Christmas card and mail it to someone who lives far away from you. Include a message about the great love of God shown to us in the gift of Jesus.
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Pray About It:

Thank God for the wonderful gift of Jesus, for Christmastime, and for all the amazing gifts God has given us.

Memorize It:

She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.
Matthew 1:23

Nativity Craft - Angel, star, baby Jesus

