

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

CHRISTMAS

Who hides in a bakery at Christmas?

A mince spy.

ACTIVITY

Feeling Christmassy?

Christmassy isn't even a real word.

PACK 12

Two snowmen in a field, one turned to the other and said, 'I don't know about you, but I can smell carrots.'

The 12 days of Christmas.

SERIES 12 — Christmas present



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ABOUT THIS PACK

WHO MADE IT?

This resource was created by Olly Goldenberg from Children Can, to accompany our daily podcasts.

HOW CAN I USE IT?

You can use this activity pack and the podcasts however you want. You can:

- ▶ Just listen to the podcast
- ▶ Use the podcast to provoke discussion
- ▶ Use them as part of a daily family devotion. It might look something like this:
- ▶ Worship together singing some songs from the internet.
 - ▶ Listen to the podcast
 - ▶ Use the 'Discuss' or 'Dig deeper' sections of this pack
 - ▶ Do the action from this pack
 - ▶ Respond in prayer and take time to listen to God
 - ▶ Do one of the activities from this pack.

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- ▶ Eat your Christmas dinner off it.

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EPISODE 6: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- What are stars used for?
- How is Jesus like a light?

GO DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Luke 2:1–12, John 8:12, John 1:1–4, Matthew 4:12–17, 2 Corinthians 4:6

Read this passage carefully: John 1:1–8. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- Who is the word in this passage?
- What was his life like for us?
- Can darkness put out light?

ACTIONS

Night light time.

Make the room dark and turn on some Christmas lights, or light a candle. Sit in silence for a minute while you think about how the light shines in the darkness. After a minute share your thoughts together and use them to pray.

ACTIVITIES

GROUP ACTIVITY: RHYME WITH ME

Make two teams in your family. See which team can find the most words that rhyme with light and the most words that rhyme with dark. The team with the most rhyming words wins. You can also take a nighttime trip to look at the Christmas lights in your area.

PUZZLE: FIND THE PICTURES IN THE PICTURE

Find where the small pictures belong in the big picture. When you find them circle the big picture.



GO AND DO IT: WINDOW PICTURE

Create a nativity scene to stick on your window. You can make it out of tissue paper so the light shines through.

EPISODE C7: CHRISTMAS GIFTS

DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- What is the best gift you have ever been given?
- Why would you give perfume and a lump of gold to a baby?

Go DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Matthew 2:1–12, John 3:16, Galatians 1:3–4, John 10:17–18.

Read this passage carefully: Matthew 2:9–11. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- Think of as many ways as possible that the wise men could have responded when they met Jesus?
- Why did the wise men kneel before Jesus?
- Who did they think Jesus was?

ACTIONS

How would you respond to Jesus? Take time to worship Jesus now in the best way you can. You can kneel, dance, give something to him, or do anything else that you want to respond to the gift of life that Jesus has given to you.

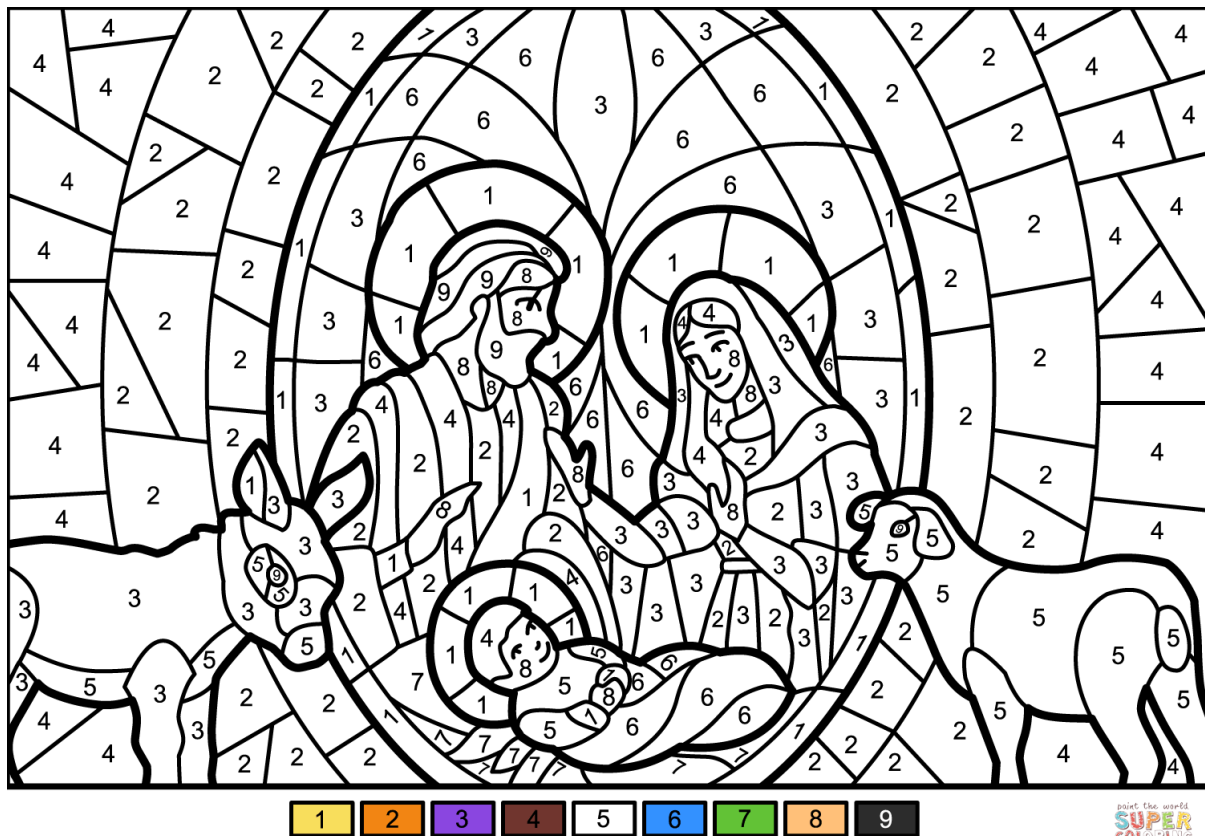
ACTIVITIES

GROUP ACTIVITY: GUESS THE GIFT

Rap up 3 different presents. Take it in turns to guess what you think is inside the presents then open them to see if you are right.

PUZZLE: COLOUR BY NUMBERS

Colour the picture using the colour guide below.



Picture from www.supercoloring.com

Go AND Do IT: ADD SOME SPARKLE

Add some sparkle to the presents you plan to give.

For example you could put some glitter on the wrapping, tie a ribbon around the gifts or create a beautiful gift tag to say who it is for.

EPISODE 08: CHRISTMAS VISITORS

DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- Why do you think God sent the angels to these shepherds?
- What do you know about the Passover lamb (research to find out more)?

GO DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Luke 2:8–20, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:17–19, Exodus 12, Mark 14:1–16, 1 Corinthians 5:7

Read this passage carefully: Luke 2:8–20. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- Who is mentioned in this passage?
- What did each person do with the information about who Jesus was?

ACTIONS

Tell one person what Jesus means to you today.

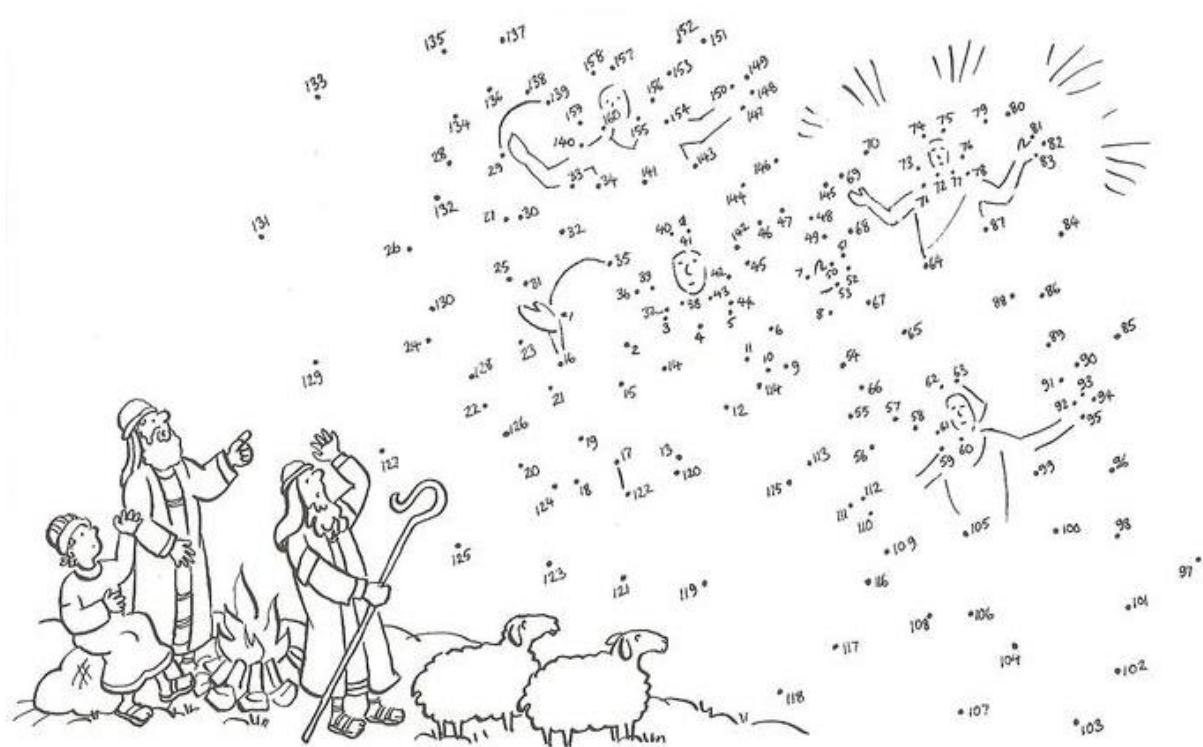
ACTIVITIES

GROUP ACTIVITY: WHAT'S THIS

Select five different items with strong smells. They might be foods, toiletries or something else. How many of them can each member of the family guess right?

PUZZLE: DoT To DoT

Join the dots in the picture below.



Go AND Do IT: CLUE FINDER

Create an investigation board or poster (like the police use when solving a crime) to put up all the clues that God gave and link them to how Jesus fulfilled them. Start with the clues mentioned in last week's devotion, then see how many more clues you can add. clues clue finder poster (like a detectives overview) to show all the clues made in this

EPISODE C9: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- What do you think are the most important part of a Christmas celebration?
- What are your best Christmas memories so far?

Go DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Luke 2:13–15, Matthew 1:18–2:12

Read this passage carefully: Matthew 1:18–21. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- Why was Joseph told to name his baby Jesus?
- How did the angel appear to Joseph?

ACTIONS

God spoke to Joseph in a dream. Talk about the different ways that God speaks to you and ask God to speak to you again today.

ACTIVITIES

GROUP ACTIVITY: PREPARE FOR A PARTY

Plan together and prepare for a great Christmas party as a family.

PUZZLE: SHADOW PICTURES

Draw a line to connect the shadows with the matching party pictures.



GO AND DO IT: MAKE SOME CRACKERS

Get some toilet rolls and use them to create your own homemade crackers.

EPISODE 10: CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- Talk about the real meaning of Christmas.

GO DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Psalm 103:3, John 14:16, John 17:13–19, Matthew 5:17, Matthew 16:17–19

Read this passage carefully: Isaiah 9:6–7. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- Choose one of the names that Jesus will be called and talk about it.

ACTIONS

Do a Christmas dance to celebrate Jesus' coming.

ACTIVITIES

GROUP ACTIVITY: PARTY GAMES

Choose some party games to play together as a family.

PUZZLE: DECODE THE MESSAGE

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vq vjqug qp yjqo jku hcxqwt tguvu.

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Code: C=A, D=B, E=C.

GO AND DO IT: THANK YOU

Design and prepare some thank you notes for people who have given you presents.