



# Family Advent

Take out a different item each day to remind us of  
God's most precious gift - His Son Jesus.



## **Items you need to provide:**

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- \* Bible
- \* Wrapping paper
- \* Picture of neighbor/friend
- \* Perfume for cotton ball
- \* Pennies
- \* Wrapped empty package



# Wreath

John 3:16

What is the shape of the wreath? The circle is a symbol of eternity. If an ant started going around on the wreath (in a circle), when would he come to the end? He would keep going forever! The Bible teaches us that Jesus came so that we would have everlasting life – life that will go on forever with Jesus.



## John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



# Ornament

Ephesians 1:3

Ornaments symbolize the blessings in our lives. Our lives just wouldn't be complete without God's blessings. God picks and chooses each blessing for us so that it will be just right. What are some blessings that God has given you?



# Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.



# Eraser

Ephesians 4:32 and 1 John 1:9



When you make a mistake in writing, you erase it. When you do or think something wrong, it's called sin. God sent Jesus to save us from our sins by dying on the cross and being raised three days later. You can ask Jesus to forgive you, and He "erases" your sin, forgiving and forgetting all about it. How does it make you feel that Jesus erases your sin? Why?

## Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

# Gum

Hebrews 13:8

Does the gum keep its flavor if you chew it for a long time? No, it changes, and the flavor goes away when it gets old, doesn't it?

But guess what! Jesus never changes. His love and truth remain the same, and He never leaves us.

# Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today  
and forever.

# Happy Face Sticker

Colossians 3:20

What is something that makes you happy?  
The Scripture tells us that obedience makes  
God happy. How can each of us be  
obedient today?

# Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for  
this pleases the Lord.

# Penny

2 Corinthians 9:7

God gives us everything we have, and  
He wants us to give a part of it back  
to Him. God wants us to love giving.  
God loved giving to us so much that  
He gave us Jesus to save us from our  
sins. How does God want us to act  
when we give to Him?

## 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



# Globe Keychain

Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 139:13-14

God made the earth and everything in it and that includes you. You are special to God and He loves you. Thank God for making our wonderful world and you. Look around, what can you spy that God has made?





## Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth.

## Psalm 139:13-14

For You created my inmost being; You knit me  
together in my mother's womb. I praise You  
because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Your works are wonderful, I know that full  
well.



# Sealed Gummies

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

These gummies are sealed inside a package.

That means they are locked inside the package. God's love for us is sealed in our hearts! God is always with you. Is there anywhere you can go to get away from God's love?

## 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

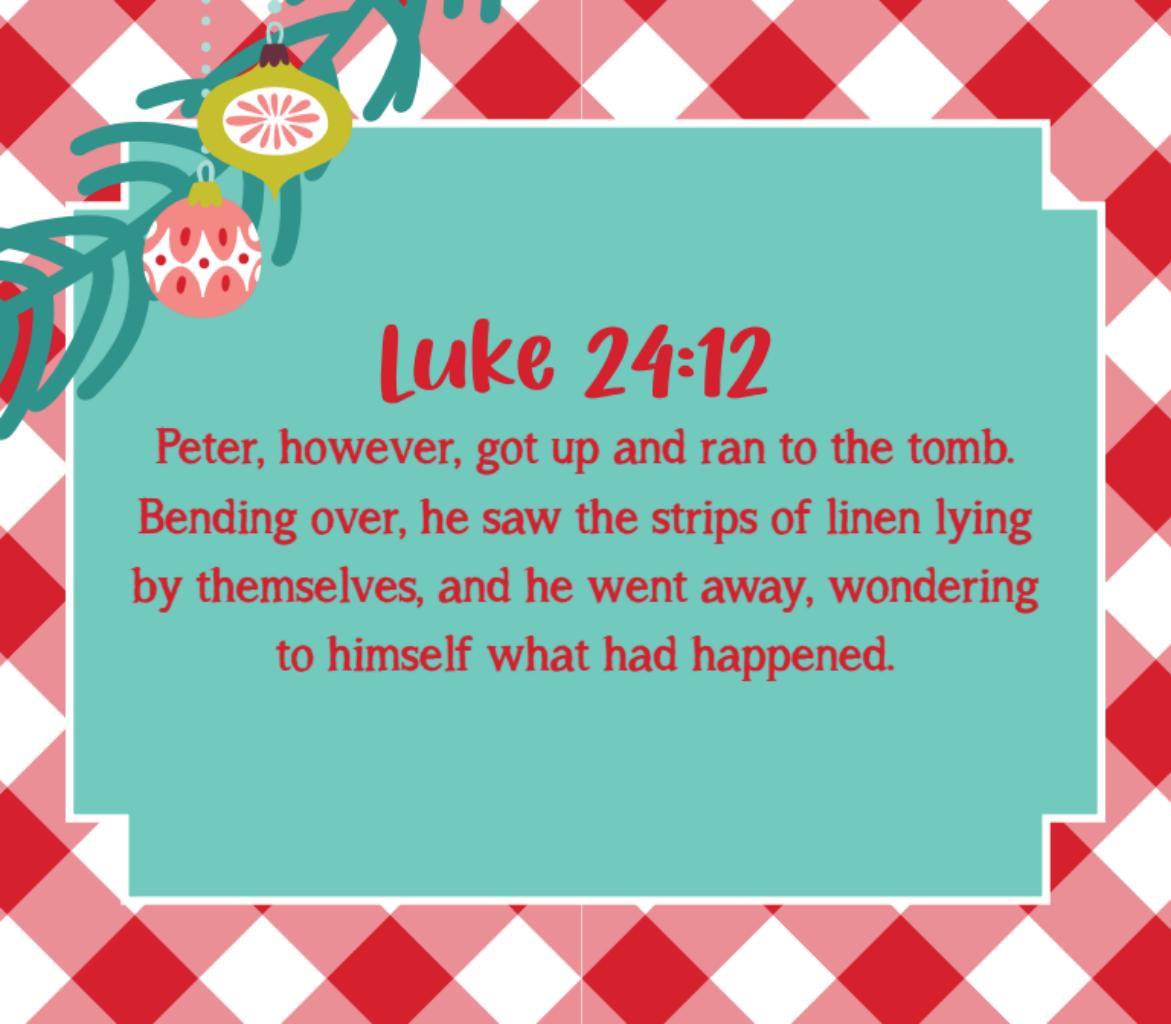
Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.



# Empty Package

Luke 24:12

Were you surprised to find this package empty? When Peter went into Jesus' tomb and found it empty, he was surprised, too! He didn't know what had happened to Jesus! Jesus was born to die for our sins, but He didn't stay in the tomb. He was resurrected from the dead. What does resurrected mean?



## Luke 24:12

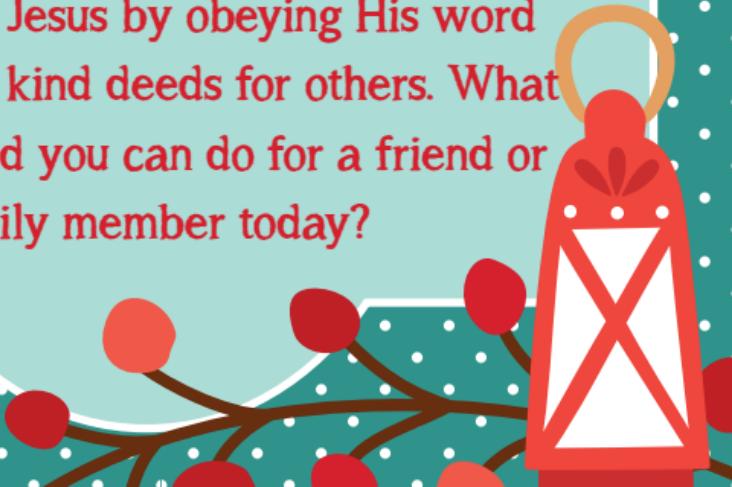
Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



# Treasure Coins

Matthew 2:11

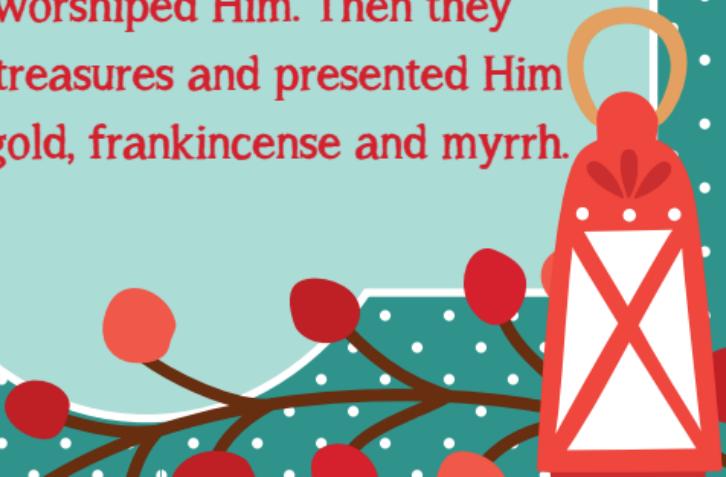
The wise men brought treasures with them to give to Jesus. We can give our own gifts to Jesus by obeying His word and by doing kind deeds for others. What is a kind deed you can do for a friend or family member today?





## Matthew 2:11

On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



# Seashell

Mark 4:35-41

Have you ever been scared? In the Bible verses we read today, the disciples were scared of the storm, but Jesus stopped the wind and the waves to protect them. Jesus is always here to protect you, too. Thank you, God, for being with me when I am scared.

## Mark 4:35-41

That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” … A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

# star

Matthew 2:10

A star marked the place of Jesus' birth.  
It was a sign that Jesus had come. Go  
outside tonight, find a star and take a  
minute to thank God for sending Jesus  
to save us.

# Matthew 2:10

When they saw the star, they were  
overjoyed.

# Baby Pictures

Luke 2:4-7

You used to be a baby, didn't you? Jesus was, too! He grew up, just as you are doing. He had to become a full-grown man, so He could be our Savior. Let's thank God for sending His Son Jesus.

## Luke 2:4-7

Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped Him tightly in cloth and laid Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

# Candy Cane

1 Timothy 1:5

This candy cane is shaped like a “J” to remind us of Jesus. The white stripe reminds us that Jesus is pure and sinless. The red stripe helps us remember that Jesus shed His blood for our sins. Give a candy cane to a friend and tell them about Jesus!

## 1 Timothy 1:5

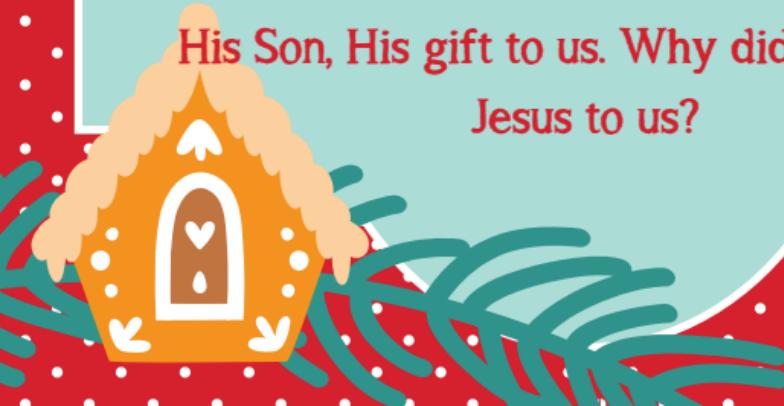
Now the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.

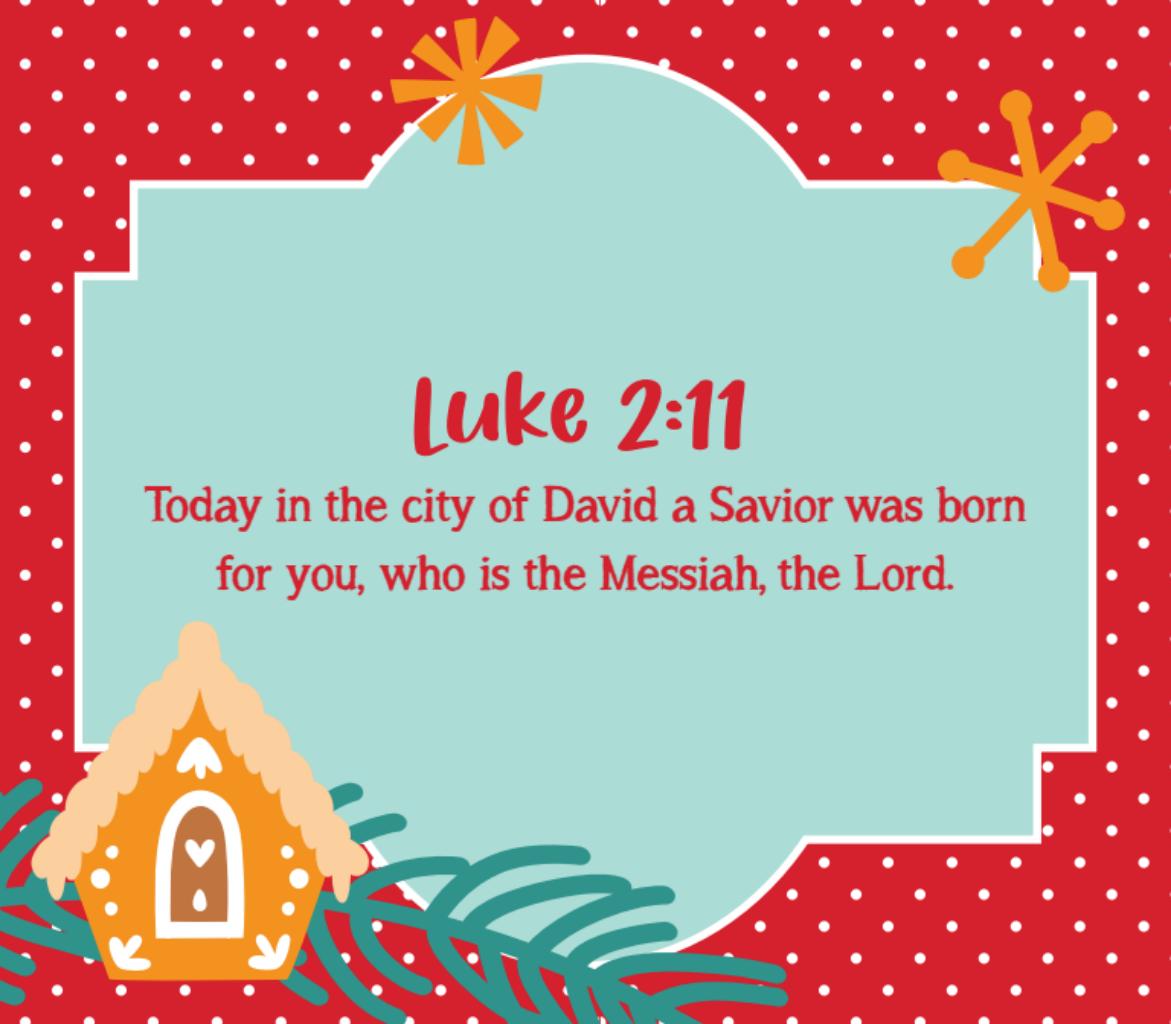
# Nativity Magnet

Luke 2:11

At Christmas, there are lots of gifts, cookies, parties and games. This nativity reminds us of the real reason for Christmas. God sent Jesus,

His Son, His gift to us. Why did God send  
Jesus to us?





## Luke 2:11

Today in the city of David a Savior was born  
for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.



# Heart Shaped Candy

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Hearts remind us of love. We love others, but God loves us even more! How many things about love can we find in today's Scripture passage?

# 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

# Sheep Sticker

John 10:4-5

Sheep follow their shepherd's voice. Jesus is our shepherd, and we are His sheep. Jesus loves us and wants us to follow Him. He watches over us, cares for us, and keeps us from harm. Always ask, "What did Jesus say?" What can we read so that we know what Jesus says?

## John 10:4-5

When He has brought all His own outside, He goes ahead of them. The sheep follow Him because they know His voice. They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't know the voice of strangers.

# Soap

John 13:5, 12-15

Jesus washed His disciples' feet, teaching  
the disciples how to serve others. How  
can we be a servant to others?



## John 13:5, 12-15

Next, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel... When Jesus had washed their feet and put on His outer clothing, He reclined again and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you."



# Small Candle

Matthew 5:14-16

Light the candle as you read today's passage.  
We see that Jesus told His followers not to hide  
their light. What did He mean by this? How can  
we be a light to show Jesus to other people?

## Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

# Angel

Luke 1:30-31, Matthew 1:20 and Luke 2:10-11

Did you know that angel means messenger?

Many times in the Bible angels brought messages from God. They appeared to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. What did the angels tell each person?

## Luke 1:30-31

Then the angel told her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

## Matthew 1:20

... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

## Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to [the shepherds], “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

# Picture of a Friend

Luke 10:27

Our world is full of people who are our neighbors! Jesus, You have taught us to love our neighbors. Help us to be a good neighbor to everyone. How can we be a good neighbor?





## Luke 10:27

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.



# Perfumed Cotton Ball

Ephesians 5:2

This cotton ball smells good, doesn't it?  
What Jesus did for us by dying for our  
sins smelled good to God. What is  
something that you have done today  
that smells good to God?

## Ephesians 5:2

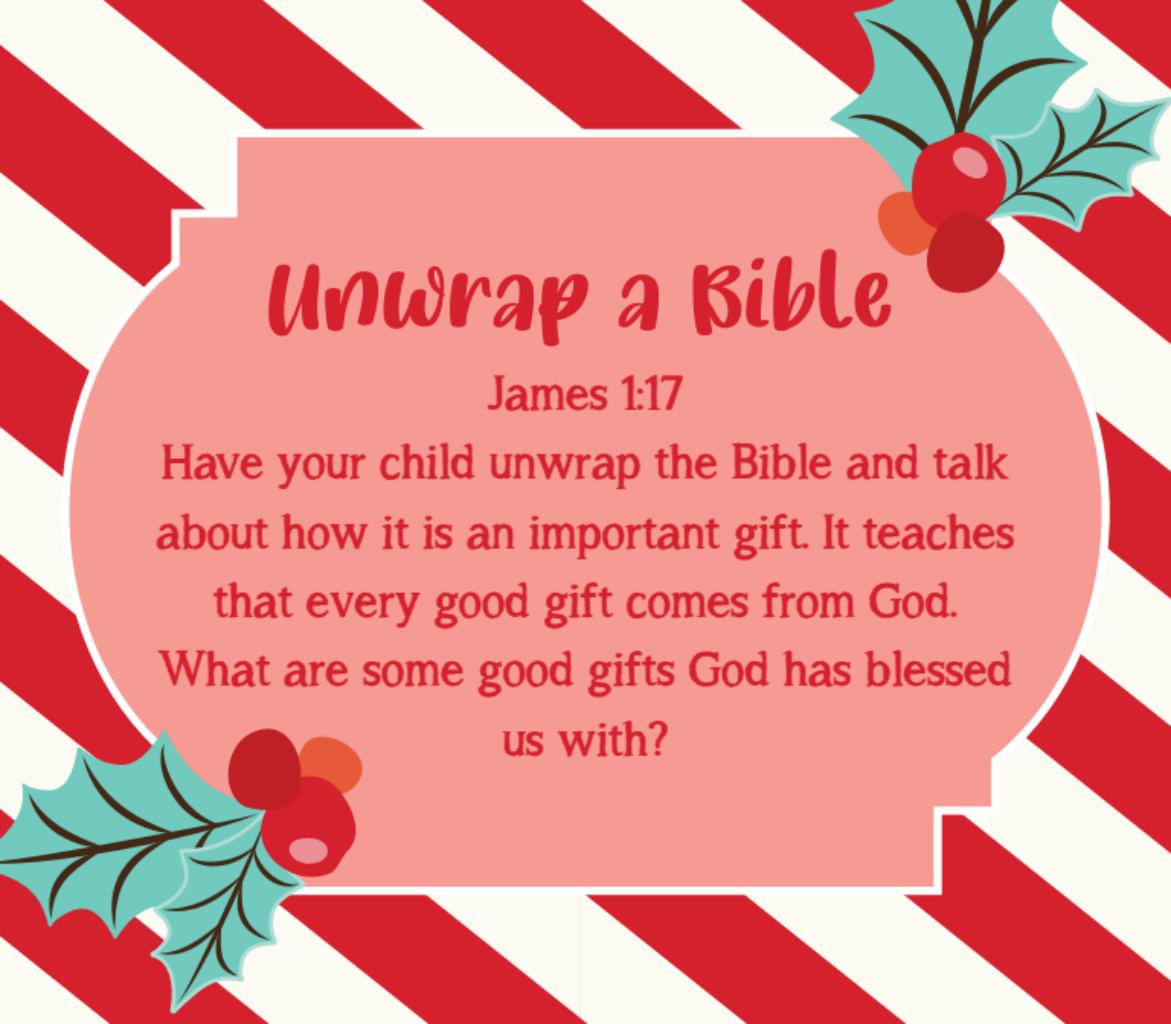
...and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

# Unwrap a Bible

James 1:17

Have your child unwrap the Bible and talk about how it is an important gift. It teaches that every good gift comes from God.

What are some good gifts God has blessed us with?



## James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
who does not change like shifting shadows.

# play dough

Jeremiah 29:11 and Ephesians 2:10

Christ molds us into His image, teaching  
us to do what is right and good. Thank  
you, God, for making us and having a plan  
for our lives.





## Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you”—this is the Lord’s declaration—“plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

## Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.



# Christmas Day

Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”



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