

December

Family

Advent

Activities

Gather around each day this month to read the Christmas story & spread some joy of your own as a family!

A young couple, Mary & Joseph got engaged. Kick off the month with hot chocolate for everyone. Take turns talking about your favorite Christmases of past.	God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary with special news. Make/write a personal Christmas Card to someone. Put a stamp on it & send it in the mail.	Mary is greatly troubled when she hears the angels greeting. Decorate your bedroom doors with wrapping paper & put up a sign with a Christmas greeting.	Gabriel tells Mary, "Do not be afraid. God is happy with you!" Take a drive or walk around your neighborhood to see Christmas lights & decor.	Gabriel tells Mary she will have a baby boy named Jesus. Clean out the toy bins, closets, and drawers. Donate items to a local shelter or thrift store.
Gabriel tells Mary details of God's plan, "Jesus will be great & called God's very own Son." Have a family picnic in front of the Christmas Tree.	Mary doesn't understand how this could be, but Gabriel assures her Nothing is Impossible with God! Read a Christmas book as a family.	Mary tells Gabriel, "I am the Lords servant. May your word be fulfilled." Hide candy canes around your house. Have a family candy cane hunt!	Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth & is overwhelmed by God's goodness. Have a gift wrapping competition to see who can wrap the fastest.	Caesar Augustus calls all the people back to their hometowns to be counted. Google search Christmas traditions around the world. Vote on a new tradition.
Joseph brings a very pregnant Mary to his hometown of Bethlehem. Gather extra towels and blankets & donate them to an animal shelter.	While in Bethlehem the time comes for the baby to be born. Eat dinner together by candlelight or Christmas lights.	Mary gives birth & wraps Jesus in cloths & lays him in a manger. Practice swaddling with a doll or stuffed animal & a blanket or towel. Have a contest to see whose is best.	At night in a nearby field shepherds are watching their flocks. Bundle up, go outside & look at the stars. Those are the same stars the shepherds saw the night Jesus was born.	The sky lights up. God has sent an angel to share the Good News of Jesus' birth. Have everyone in your family sign a Thank You card for your mail carrier.
When the shepherds see the angel they are afraid. Get those phones ready to have a silly Christmas-themed photoshoot.	The angel says, "Don't be afraid. I bring news that will bring joy to the whole world!" Put on your favorite Christmas songs & have a dance party.	"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born. He is the Messiah, the Lord!" Grab blankets & popcorn & have a Christmas movie night.	The angel tells them they will find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger. Crank up the Christmas music, assign chores & get the house ready for the big day.	More angels come to praise & sing "Glory to God in the highest." Declare today as Red & Green Day. Tell everyone to dress in red & green to celebrate the season.
The shepherds leave their flocks & hurry to find Baby Jesus lying in a manger. Break out the cookie cutters & bake some Christmas cookies.	After seeing the baby, the shepherds excitedly run to tell everyone the good news. FaceTime a family member to sing them a Christmas carol.	The shepherds return to their flocks, praising God for all they have seen & heard. Enjoy a family game night in front of the Christmas tree.	Mary names the baby Jesus just as the angel told her to do. Choose a scene from the Christmas story, assign roles, & act it out.	God sent Jesus for EVERYONE because He loves us all so much! Read the story of Jesus birth from Luke 1:26-2:21. Remember the greatest gift of all is the hope in our Savior.