

Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Read: Jeremiah 29:11



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Christmas Bucket List

During Christmas we celebrate God's greatest gift—Jesus! There are many ways to celebrate. Talk with a parent about what you like to do during the Christmas season to celebrate. Then, as a family come up with your very own CHRISTMAS BUCKET LIST of things you want to do. There are some ideas on the back of this sheet to get you started. Hang your list where you and your family can check each item off as you do them. Don't worry if you can't get to all of them—just being in the Christmas spirit all month brings joy too!

Look for ways to have joy with your family.

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What's the Plan?

One big thing you have to know when you are planning something is knowing how many days you have until it happens. Ask an adult to help you get some red and green pieces of paper. Cut 1-inch strips across the width of the sheet of paper. Now, count how many days there are until Christmas. Connect that many strips of paper together (alternating green and red strips) with glue to form a paper chain. Each day, remove one link from your paper chain to help you countdown until Christmas.

Remember to have joy this Christmas no matter what you have planned.

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His Plans

All this week we have been talking about our plans for Christmas. In Jeremiah 29:11, we read that God has a plan too! And we are included! His plans are to give us hope and a future. How amazing is that? Let's thank God for including us in His plan.

Dear God,

Thank you for including us in your plans. Help us to remember to include you in our plans this Christmas season and always. We love you.

Amen.

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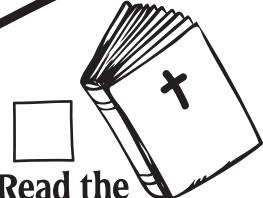
Share Joy, Eat Joy

After dinner, play a game with your family using red and green candies, like M&Ms. With the candy, spell out the word "joy" on the table or on a paper plate and tell your family they may take an M&M, but they must first share a Christmas memory that brings them joy. Continue the game until all the candy is gone.

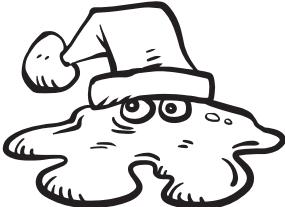
Thank God for giving your family something to celebrate.

You can have joy because God has a plan for you.

The Family CHRISTMAS BUCKET LIST



Read the Christmas Story



Make Christmas inspired slime



Send Christmas cards to friends



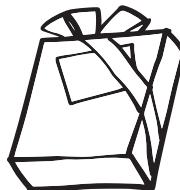
Drink hot chocolate



Collect pine cones



Sing Christmas carols



Wrap a present



Binge your favorite Christmas movies



Decorate cookies



Wear Christmas socks



Make paper snowflakes



Volunteer with family



Make a Christmas playlist



Eat a candy cane



Take a family Christmas photo



Have a snowball fight (with real snow or crumpled paper)