**Dec 19**<sup>th</sup> Parent Guide (Elementary)



Need to Know: I Can Celebrate Jesus Bible Story: Jesus is Born

(Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25,

2:1-23)

# WATCH TODAY'S MESSAGE

As a family, watch today's Elementary Message from our website or YouTube. Keep the conversation going while doing the activities listed below.

Materials Needed: Bible

#### DO

Say: The reason why we celebrate Christmas is because God sent us a special gift through the birth of Jesus! Jesus was God's perfect plan to bring joy, love, and peace to the whole world!

Choose your favorite version of the Christmas story in the Bible to read together as a family.

### **PLAY**

Have a birthday party to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let your children plan activities and make decorations. Encourage them to be creative (make invitations, bake a cake, draw pictures, create games, etc.). Pick a time to hold the birthday party and spend time as a family celebrating Jesus! As you plan and create, talk about the discussion questions below.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What is a tradition our family has for celebrating Christmas?
- What would you say to a friend who asks why you celebrate Jesus at Christmas?
- What makes Jesus the most wonderful gift you could receive?

## **PRAY**

As a family, discuss things you would like to pray for. Thank God for the opportunity to celebrate Jesus' birth as a family. Pray that you will remember God's gift to us (Jesus) as you celebrate the season.

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