

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Luke 2:8-20

Grab a sheet of paper and some colored pencils, pens, or whatever you'd like to draw with. As you read through Luke 2:8-20, draw emojis to represent the following things: shepherds, night, sheep, angel, good news, Savior, baby, angels, singing, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, baby, shepherds, angel, amazed, shepherds, Mary, treasure, heart, shepherds, praises to God.

After drawing the emojis in that order, recite the story of Jesus' birth aloud, using the emojis as your cue cards, or hints, to keep you on track! Then save the sheet of paper for later this week.

Day 3

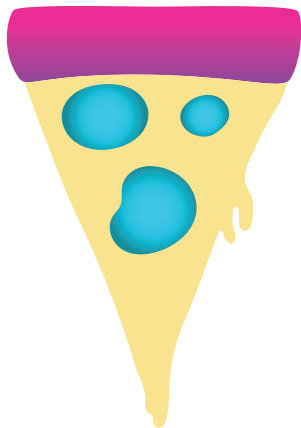
It's Christmas in July!

Well, not really, but we are talking about when Jesus was born, so it's feeling a little Christmas-y, isn't it?

Crank up some Christmas instrumental music (maybe more of the "Silent Night" variety and not so much "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree")—get a parent's help if you need it.

As you listen to the music, close your eyes and imagine it's that first Christmas, and you've just heard the amazing news that the Savior has been born. What would you feel? JOY, right? **Jesus brings joy to the world.**

With your eyes still closed, take a couple of minutes to thank God for sending Jesus, and share all the ways that Jesus brings joy to the world—and to YOUR world.



Day 4

Find the sheet of paper you used earlier in the week to write out the story of Jesus' birth, emoji-style.

Then share the story with at least one person—but the more the merrier! (Get it? Because "Merry Christmas.") Use the emojis as your cue cards, or hints, to keep you on track!

Afterward, take turns sharing with each other one way that **Jesus brings joy to the world.**



Day 5

Who do you know who could use some joy?

Grab your Bible and read Luke 2:17-18. What did the shepherds do right after they saw Jesus?

And how did everyone respond to the news from the shepherd?

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That's right—they were amazed at what God was doing. And after you see what God is doing, you can't help but have joy, right? Because joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.

Who in your life could use some joy right now? Think of family members, friends, neighbors, teammates. . . Especially think of people who might be alone or hurting. What is something you could do to share with them the joy that Jesus brings? Recruit a friend or ask a parent for help and make it happen!