

Extra Extra!—A Devotional about Jesus' Birth!



DAY 1

Read Isaiah 9:6 NlrV

"A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace."

Have you ever waited for something exciting, like a snow day or your birthday? Long before the first Christmas, God's people waited for Someone. Things felt dark and broken, but God used messengers called prophets to share BIG news: a Savior was coming! God wanted everyone to know His rescue plan. So today, remember that God always keeps His word.

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Draw a line from "Good News" to the Globe.



## DAY 2

### Read Micah 5:2 NlrV

*"The LORD says, 'Bethlehem Ephrathah, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come for me a ruler over Israel. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation. It goes all the way back to days of long ago.'"*

God used Micah to speak to His people. He told everyone, "Bethlehem is small, but a great Ruler will come from there!" Hundreds of years later, that promise came true. Jesus was born in little Bethlehem. God loves using small things in big ways! Look around your house. Could a card, a cookie, or a kind word cheer someone up? When you choose to help, Jesus shines through you.

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Cut snowflakes from recycled newspaper or paper. On each flake, write one "good news" word (hope, peace, joy, love). Tape the snowflakes around a window so neighbors see the message shining through.



DAY 3



Read Luke 2:11 NIrV

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

After hundreds of years of waiting, every promise came true in Bethlehem. The angel told surprised shepherds, "A Savior has been born to you!" The good news wasn't whispered to kings first; it was shouted to everyday people. God wanted EVERYONE to know His love, starting with people nobody expected.

Jesus comes close to people like you and me. Jesus forgives for wrong choices, gives peace when life feels stormy, and hope that you can hold onto. Because Jesus is God's greatest gift. You don't have to earn His love; you just receive it.

Jesus' good news lasts forever and grows as you share it. When you tell a friend why Christmas matters, you pass on God's promise of hope.

Find a sticky note. Write one way Jesus has been good news for you (like "He forgives me" or "He helps me be brave"). Place it somewhere you'll see tomorrow. Then pray, asking God to show you someone who needs that same good news.



DAY 4

Read Luke 2:10 NIrV

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people.'"

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" That's how people once shared exciting news. On the first Christmas, God used an angel choir! Shepherds were terrified, but the angel declared, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news for everyone!" The shepherds hurried to see baby Jesus, then raced to tell the town.

You may not hear glowing angels tonight, yet God still invites us to share the best story ever. Who do you know that needs to know that Jesus loves them? A friend who feels left out? A cousin who thinks Christmas is only about presents? Shout hope with kind actions, brave words, and joyful smiles.

Find ways to pass on this great news. You could draw a picture of the nativity and gift it to a neighbor. Sing carols at a nursing home. Tell someone, "Jesus came for you!" When we share, God's light shines brighter than any Christmas lights this season.

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus for the whole world. Help me share His good news with courage and joy today."

