The Promise: Celebrating the gift of God's Son.

Luke 2:1–7 NIrV

DAY 1

The Best Gift Ever

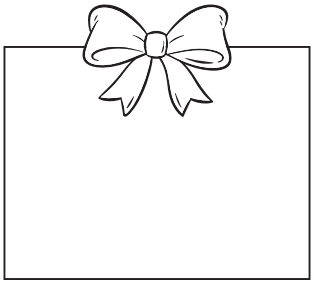
Read Luke 2:11 NIrV

Have you ever been so excited about a gift that you could hardly wait to open it? Maybe it was for your birthday or Christmas morning. Gifts can bring a lot of happiness!

The birth of Jesus was the greatest gift ever given. God sent His own Son because He loves us so much. Jesus did not come wrapped in fancy paper or placed in a palace. He was born as a baby in a simple place. But this gift was better than any toy or present.

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Inside the gift, write or draw one reason Jesus is the best gift ever.

DAY 2

Joy That Lasts

Read Romans 15:13 NIrV

Have you ever been excited about something, only to have that feeling disappear a little later? Maybe a new toy got old, or a fun day came to an end.

Happiness often depends on what is happening around us. Joy is different. Joy comes from knowing that God loves us and is always with us.

Mary and Joseph faced a lot of challenges before Jesus was born. They had to travel a long way, and there was no guest room available when they arrived. But the birth of Jesus brought joy because God was keeping His promise.

The same is true for us today. Jesus brings a joy that lasts longer than any game, gift, or special event. His love never runs out.

Joy Hunt:

Find five things around your home that remind you of God's goodness. Thank Him for each one.

There's More! ⟶

DAY 3

Joy in Every Season

Read Psalm 16:11 NIrV

Some days are exciting. Other days feel ordinary. And sometimes days can be difficult.

The good news is that joy does not only belong on good days. Jesus brings joy in every season. When you spend time with Jesus, He reminds you of the hope, peace, and joy you have in Him.

Think about the night Jesus was born. The place was simple. The circumstances were not perfect. Yet God was doing something amazing. He was bringing joy to the world through His Son.

When life feels hard, remember that Jesus is still with you. He is still working. And He still gives joy to those who trust Him.

Joy Check:

What is one thing that makes you smile when you think about Jesus? Draw or write your answer below.

Even when life feels hard, God stays close to you.

DAY 4

Share the Joy

Read Nehemiah 8:10 NIrV

Joy is a gift from God. And gifts are meant to be shared.

When Jesus was born, God's joy was not just for Mary and Joseph. It was for the whole world. God wanted everyone to know that His Son had come to rescue them.

When you have joy, it can spread to others. A kind word, a smile, or helping someone in need can show God's love. When people see the joy God gives you, they can learn about Him too.

This week, ask God to help you share His joy wherever you go. You never know who might need encouragement

Joy Ripple: Fill a bowl with water. Drop a pebble or coin into the bowl. Watch as the ripples spread farther and farther. Joy works the same way! When you share the Good News about Jesus, joy spreads!

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus and filling my heart with joy. Help me remember that true joy comes from You. Show me how to share Your joy with others this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Jesus brings joy.

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