

Light Show: Let the Christmas celebration begin

Use this guide to help your family learn about and celebrate the Christmas story.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Christmas:
Celebrating
Jesus, God's
greatest gift

Memory Verse

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."
John 3:16, NIV

Bible Story

Elizabeth &
Zechariah
Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

Bottom Line

Celebrate
because God can
do anything.

Activity

Candy Cane Carry Competition

What You Need:

Four candy canes, masking or painter's tape

What You Do:

Before you begin, tape a "start line" and "finish line" on the floor. Make the lines closer or farther apart, depending on your child's age and ability.

Tell your child you're going to have a candy cane carry competition. Say, "We're both going to start at the start line and carry our candy cane to the finish line. The catch is, you have to carry your candy cane by hooking it with another candy cane we're carrying with the one we're using to hook it. If one of us drops our candy cane, we have to go back to the start line."

Race your child to the finish line. If you have time, move the finish line farther away, making it more difficult.

Talk About the Bible Story

When we started our game, did you think it was going to be possible or impossible to hook a candy cane and make it all the way to the finish line?

In our story, what did the angel tell Zechariah?
(That Elizabeth would have a baby)

Why did that sound impossible?
(Zechariah and Elizabeth were very old)

What are some "impossible" things that God has done?
(Examples can be from the Bible—such as creating the whole world from nothing, parting the Red Sea, Jesus coming back to life, etc.—or from your own lives.)

Why was Zechariah and Elizabeth's story an important part of the Christmas story?
(Their son John was Jesus' cousin; he would play an important role in introducing Jesus to the world.)

Parent: Share about a time when things didn't go the way you thought they should, but you were able to see how God was working in the situation. Were you able to celebrate God's "version" of the story?

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, I praise You because You can do ANYTHING. You are AMAZING and WONDERFUL and POWERFUL, and we love You SO much. This week, help us remember and CELEBRATE that You can do anything. Amen."