## Family Christmas Calendar 2023

## As December begins, we count down the days until Christmas! As a family, use this calendar daily as a guide to allow you to remember the reason why we celebrate the season!

## Saturday 2nd Dec

Mary's Visitor - Luke 1v26-29
God chose to use someone unlikely in this story. God chooses to use the most unlikely of people - including you! Just like God chose to use Mary, He can use you too - ask Him!

## Sunday 3rd Dec

A Magnificent Message for Mary

## Luke 1v30-33

Mary was afraid about what was going to happen. Take some time to think about what makes you afraid. Talk to God about it and ask Him to help you.

Read the passages, discuss their meaning and use the prayer prompts to spend time talking to God together each day.

## Friday 1st Dec

A Special Delivery - Luke 1v11-17 Thank God for a prayer He has answered recently.

## Monday 4th Dec

God's Word never fails - Luke 1v34-38
The angel told Mary that no word from God will ever fail - He keeps His promises. Think of some of these promises and pray that God will help you to remember them.

## Tuesday 5th Dec

Sing like Mary! - Luke 1v46-52
Mary had so much love for the Lord that she began to sing. Think about all the reasons there are to love God and give Him praise for each of those things!

## Friday 8th Dec

## No More Room - Luke 2v1-7

Jesus was not born in a glamorous way and there were no luxuries. God was present even in the lowest of circumstances. Thank God that He is with you in your lowest times.

## Monday 11th Dec

Share the Joy - Luke 2v16-20
The shepherds were so excited to tell people about the news of Jesus. Do you get excited to tell people? Pray for the people in your life who need to hear the news!

## Thursday 14th Dec

The King's Character - Isaiah 11v1-5 Isaiah tells us about the character of King Jesus. Think about these qualities ask God to help you become more like Jesus.

## Sunday 17th Dec

## Runaway Baby! - Matthew 2v13-15

Herod was searching for baby Jesus to kill him. Think about all your brothers
and sisters across the world who are kill him. Think about all your brothers
and sisters across the world who are persecuted for their faith. Pray for them today.

## Wednesday 20th Dec

A Gift from God - Isaiah 7v14
Immanuel means "God with us". Make a list of all the places you will be today. Pray and thank God that He will be with you in all of them.

## Saturday 23rd Dec

## Set Free - Galatians 4v4-5

God's timing is always perfect - He knew the exact time that Jesus had to be born and what that would mean for us. Ask God to help you trust in His timing.

## Wednesday 6th Dec

John before Jesus - Luke 1v57-65
Zechariah and Elizabeth were obedient and called their son John as they were asked. How can you be obedient to God? Ask Him to help you.

## Saturday 9th Dec

Have You HERD?! - Luke 2v8-12
"Good news that will cause great joy..." Isn't that amazing?! Ask God that He would make you excited to share good news with others today.

## Tuesday 12th Dec

Simeon sees the Saviour - Luke 2v25-32 Simeon listened to the voice of God and held the Saviour in the Temple - he trusted God. Ask God to help you to listen to His plans for you and that you would follow them.

## Friday 15th Dec

Follow the Star - Matthew 2v1-3
The Bible tells us that we are to worship Jesus. We can worship God together when we come to church. Pray for your church today and that the people in it would want to worship Jesus more!

## Thursday 7th Dec

John Prepares the Path - Luke 1v76-79 John was not Jesus, he wanted his life to point to Jesus. He wanted people to see Jesus and not him. Pray that people would see Jesus through what you do today.

## Sunday 10th Dec

Angel's Delight - Luke 2v13-15
Listen to how much love the angels and shepherds had for God. God invites us to have this same love. Tell God how much you love Him today!

## Wednesday 13th Dec

God with Us - Matthew 1v21-23
Jesus was born so he could die for our sins. What sin do you need to confess today and thank Jesus for saving you from?

## Saturday 16th Dec

Gifts Fit for A King - Matthew 2v7-12
The Magi came and offered kind gifts to baby Jesus. Take time to pray for those in your community who are in need and perhaps have no home, no food and no belongings.

## Monday 18th Dec

The Shining Light - John 1v1-5
Thank God that in Him there is no darkness and only light! Think of a situation in your life, someone else's life or in the world that seems bad. Pray and ask God's light to shine into it!

## Tuesday 19th Dec <br> Children of God - John 1v9-13

How amazing is it that God chooses to call you His child?! Think of someone in your life who does not know God. Pray that they would know how much God loves them and that they would become a child of God.

## Thursday 21st Dec

I'm Gonna Live Forever! - John 3v16-17 Eternal life means forever - with no end! Do you know what salvation means? Thank God that He sent his Son to die for YOU so you can be with Him forever.

## Friday 22nd Dec

## A Humble Heart - Philippians 2v5-8

Jesus became humble to serve us before himself. Ask God today that you would have the mindset of Jesus and be humble in all you do.

## Sunday 24th Dec

The Greatest Gift of All - Romans 6v23 Think of the best gift you have ever received. Thank God that the gift He has given, His Son, is even better!

## Monday 25th Dec

Today's Reason to Celebrate! - Isaiah 9v6-7
Here is what we have been waiting for! Thank God for the reason for the season and thank Him today for Jesus.

