



JESUS IS KING OF CHRISTMAS

Hi there and welcome to our **FAMILY GOD TIME** info pack for this month.

This month we are looking at Christmas. We will be meeting as a church with our usual children's work on 5th December and then, because of the carol services, we won't be running our usual Kids' Work for the following weeks. So please find attached a few activities you can do at home together over the holidays. Don't forget our *Kids at Home* will still be available online over December.

To read

Why not read a little bit of the Christmas story each night? Luke is a good Gospel to read from. You might also like to check out some of the [Advent resources for children and families at Eden](#), the Christian resources site.

I personally like the look of this – [The Christmas Promise Advent Calendar by Alison Mitchell](#) – although haven't used it, but hope to get it to try with my family this year

To worship

These are the songs we will be using to worship God this month.
Have a listen and sing and dance along at home.

[Unto us a Child is Born](#)

[It's Christmas](#)

Memory verse

See if your family can learn the memory verse for this month. Try learning a little bit each week. Use the opportunity to talk to the children about why Jesus came at Christmas and what He did for us.

*For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3 verses 16 and 17***

This is a great link to explain the story of Jesus – youtu.be/8u-IClHAmKk.



Praying

It's great to pray together as a family and encourage the children to chat to God.

Rachel Turner from Parenting for Faith talks about Chat and Catch. She shares the idea that we need to teach the kids to chat about anything and everything with God and instead of using the term 'hearing' God speak to us, she uses the term 'catch'. Just like we catch a ball, we might just catch something God is sharing with us, maybe in something we see that day, or read or hear.

For more info on this why not check out the [Parenting for Faith website](#).

Family Christmas Service

Don't forget to come along to the Family Christmas Service at your site –there will be lots of fun family activities. [Check out the website](#) for more details.

FAMILY GOD TIME over Christmas

Over Christmas you will hopefully have more time together as a family. Here are a few suggestions of simple things you might want to try at home over the break.



- ‡ **Have a special breakfast**, for example croissants or a bacon sandwich. Share something you are grateful for – write it down as a prayer or read it out. You could even decorate it and pin it on the wall and read it daily over Christmas.
- ‡ **Listen to a Christmas song or carol.** Pick out your favourite lines and say why. Sing it together. There are lots on YouTube you could listen to – why not try *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World* or *Away in a Manger*. The Rend Collective also have a fun, child-friendly, truth-filled album called *A Campfire Christmas* which is worth listening (and dancing) to.
- ‡ **Read the Christmas story from Luke 1.** Choose key scenes from the story and take a photo of the family posing for different parts of the story.
- ‡ **Make a Christmas craft** – something simple like a placemat (just use an A4 sheet of paper) or a crown. Draw or write on the mat or crown something from the year that you are thankful for. Share with others on Christmas Day.



- ✦ **Look through the Psalms and find a favourite verse.** Share why it is your favourite and write it onto a piece of card and hang in on the Christmas tree.
- ✦ **Decide on a verse that you would like to learn this Christmas.** Write it on the wall and try and read it each morning and evening.
- ✦ **Go for a walk and look around, make a list of things that you see that remind you of God's goodness.** Pray as you walk, thanking God for the things that you see. Think about others less off than you and pray for them.
- ✦ **Light a candle.** Think about how you know God is with you or a time when you felt Him strongly with you. Write it down or share with others. Stick all the comments together on a wall.
- ✦ God sending Jesus was the ultimate act of love. **Think how you can show an act of kindness and demonstrate God's love to someone else.** Ask God to show you what you could do.

5th December



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This week we are looking at the story of the birth of Jesus

Bible Passage

Luke 2

Memory verse

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To Watch and Learn

This week's *Kids at Home* video is available now on the King's website. There are worship songs, fun activities, a memory verse and interactive story telling from the Bible.

Here is the link – kingschurchlondon.org/kids-at-home/

If you would like to see other retellings of the Bible story, follow the links below:

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To Pray

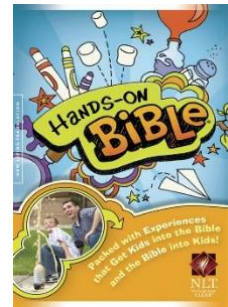
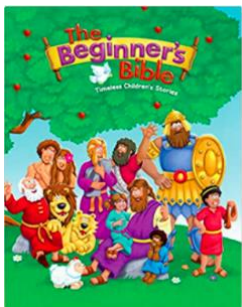
Everything that you care about is of interest to Jesus, so you can talk to Him about anything. Have a go at doing this as a family. Tell Jesus what you are feeling happy about. Tell Jesus what you are feeling sad about. Tell Him what you like best about school at the moment. Tell Him who is your favourite person at school. Tell Him what you like about Christmas. Tell Him who you think needs to know His love the most at the moment.

Why not have a go at adding your own list of things to talk to Jesus about? It doesn't have to be huge. Let's remind and show our children that Jesus is interested in all of our life – the big and the small.



Recommended Bibles

It's great for children to start reading the Bible at a young age. There are loads of fabulous Bibles out there. Here are a few that we recommend:



For children under 7 we would recommend **The Beginner's Bible** which is available online from various places. [Click here](#) for more info.

For older children the **NLT Inspire Bible for Girls** is brilliant which includes colouring in, and the **NLT Hands-On Bible** has also got loads of fun facts and activities inside.

[NLT Hands-On Bible](#)

[NLT Inspire Bible for Girls](#)