

## Children's Ministry Message December 2017

Most of us would agree that the Christmas season can be quite chaotic. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle and lose sight of why we celebrate. That is why it is important for you to be intentional in pointing your kids to Jesus during this Christmas season. Dedicate time to worship God as a family and explore the meaning of Christmas. There are many helpful resources for drawing your family's attention to Jesus during Christmas, but no resource is as valuable as God's Word. Consider using this short devotion to lead your family in a time of worship.

Read Luke 2:1-20 aloud.

Ask: "Why do we celebrate Christmas?" Explain that we celebrate Christmas to honor the birth of

Jesus.

Ask: "What makes Jesus' birth different from any other baby's birth?" Remind family members that

the Son of God was in heaven with God but came to earth as a human baby.

Pick up a wrapped

Christmas gift. Challenge family members to think of what it would be like to try and put the

entire world in a gift box. Explain that Jesus is the mighty, all-powerful God who created

everything but He came to earth as the most tiny and helpless of all human forms.

Ask the big picture question: "Why was Jesus born?" Say the answer together as a family, "Jesus was

born to rescue us (from sin)." Explain that we need a Savior. As sinners, we deserve to spend

forever apart from God because of our sin. Jesus kept all of God's laws

perfectly while He was on

earth. Jesus did not deserve to die, but He took God's punishment we deserved and died on the

cross in our place.

Ask: "What makes Jesus' birth good news?" Explain that because Jesus came to earth, we can be

saved from sin. Jesus rose from the dead, and one day, He is coming back to make everything

new and right.

Lead your family in a time of prayer...

God, thank You that because of Jesus we can celebrate Christmas. As we do all the fun things that come with Christmas, help us remember Jesus most of all.

Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your very own Son to earth as a baby so that we could be saved from our sin and can spend forever with You. We love You! Amen.

Greetings to all,  
The Payton's