



A CRAZY CHRISTMAS

FAMILY ADVENT JOURNEY 2024



WELCOME TO A CRAZY CHRISTMAS! Over the next 4 weeks we are going to journey to Christmas together and see how with God, all things are possible! We will meet some special characters along the way. Take time during the week to read God's Word, to talk about what you are learning and to pray together. There is even an exciting activity for you to complete each week and they will all come together in week 4 - keep them all safe!

WEEK ONE | MARY AND JOSEPH | Luke 1v26-38 & Matthew 1v18-25

DISCUSSION:

1. How do you think Mary was feeling? Why?
2. What do we learn about Jesus here even before he is born?
3. Mary and Joseph were asked to do something they didn't expect...
what would you do if God asked you to do something you didn't expect?

PRAYER:

Mary was scared... draw a picture / write some things that make you afraid and pray about them.

God always keeps his promises (v37).

Find another promise in the Bible and thank God for it.

ACTIVITY:

This week's challenge...

Can you create your own Mary and Joseph characters using scraps, junk and resources in your house? Keep them until week 4!

WEEK TWO | SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS | Luke 2v8-20

DISCUSSION:

1. How do you think the shepherds felt?
2. What do you think they were expecting to see when they arrived?
3. After they had seen the baby, the shepherds couldn't keep the Good News to themselves. Why were they excited? What does this mean for you?

PRAYER:

The shepherds wanted to tell everyone about the Good News! Why not make some prayer pebbles that have names of special people in your life who you can tell about Jesus? Pray for them!

ACTIVITY:**This week's challenge...**

Make the shiniest and most sparkly angel you can! Why not dress your favourite toy up in tinfoil?!

Can you build the city of Bethlehem and a manger using Lego or Duplo for Jesus being born? Remember to add baby Jesus!

WEEK THREE | WISE MEN | Matthew 2v1-11**DISCUSSION:**

1. How did Herod feel about baby Jesus? Why?
2. Why is the star in the sky such an important part of the story?
3. Pretend you are one of the wise men... how does it feel when you are at the manger?

PRAYER:

God put a star in the sky to guide the Wise Men and to help them find Jesus. Is there something that you need guidance about? Is there something you need help with?

Write or draw a thought or a prayer on a star shape and ask God for help – stick it up so you see it every day!

ACTIVITY:**This week's challenge...**

Make a shining star using lollipop sticks, glitter and string to go above the manger. Pretend you are a wise man! Can you get a present for somebody special and wrap it up ready to give to them?

WEEK FOUR | JESUS | Isaiah 9v6-7

DISCUSSION:

1. Every name has a meaning! Have you ever thought about what your name means?
2. Spend some time thinking about what each of the names for Jesus in these verses mean.
3. What do they mean for you in your life?

PRAYER:

These verses describe Jesus in lots of ways. Choose one of the names and decorate a nice picture of it.

Put it up somewhere where your whole family can see it every day – pray to thank Jesus for what it says every time you see it!

ACTIVITY:

This week's challenge...

Can you make up actions to help you remember the different names for Jesus?

Put together your wonderful creations from the last 4 weeks to see the Christmas story unfold!

FINAL CHALLENGE!

Share with each other or draw something you have learned over the last 4 weeks.

Remember to spend time celebrating that Christmas is all about Jesus!