



Theme

**DECK THE HALLS:
Countdown to Christmas**

Christmas | Celebrating Jesus,
God's greatest gift

This December, we're "decking the halls" and focusing on Christmas by celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift! We'll shine a spotlight on crucial moments in the story of Jesus' birth as we count down to Christmas. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we take this month to count down to the fun of Christmas Day, let's take time to remember the reason we celebrate in the first place: Jesus, the greatest gift the world has ever known.

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP

(no POP Kids on December 3 or December 24)

PRAISE CHOIR ADVENT WORSHIP | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 10:30

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 3:00 & 4:30

(no POP Kids on December 27, December 31 & January 3 - Christmas break)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Is Promised | Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 7:14-15

SPARK STORY BIBLE | A Ruler from Bethlehem | p. 194-195
& A Child Called Immanuel | p. 168-171

BOTTOM LINE | You can have hope because God is faithful.

KEY QUESTION | What are you hoping for?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

BIBLE STORY | Gabriel Appears to Mary | Luke 1:26-56

SPARK STORY BIBLE | Angels Visit & Mary Visits Elizabeth | p. 196-207

BOTTOM LINE | You can have peace because God has a plan.

KEY QUESTION | What are your plans this Christmas?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 (FOR ALL POP KIDS!)

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Is Born | Luke 2:1-20

SPARK STORY BIBLE | Jesus Is Born | p. 212-217

BOTTOM LINE | You can have joy because God sent Jesus.

KEY QUESTION | What makes your Christmas joyful?

Daily Rhythm Resources | theparentcue.org



MORNING TIME

As often as possible as your kid starts their day, make a promise to do something with or for them—and make sure you do it!



MEAL TIME

During meals together this month, ask everyone this question: “What is something you hope will happen in 2024?”



DRIVE TIME

While on the go, have everyone answer this question: “When have you been worried about something, but ended up feeling better once you knew what the plan was?”



BED TIME

Every evening this month, tell your kid about a way they brought you joy that day. Then, ask them to share a joyful moment from their day.



THEIR TIME

Encourage your kid(s) to spend time each week this month working through their age-specific GodTime cards. You can choose to do these devotionals with your child(ren) or allow them to work independently. Either way, be sure to take the opportunity to talk with them about what they are learning about God and their faith.

FAITH5 | Faith Inkubators



SHARE your highs and lows

What was great about today? What was tough? Reflect on your day and share a high and low with one another.



READ a Bible verse or story

It's time to open God's word. Any story or verse will do. The monthly and weekly POP Kids verses are a great place to start.



TALK about how the Bible reading relates to your highs and lows

How does what you just read relate to where you are today in your highs and lows. What might God be trying to teach you through this particular Scripture on this particular day?



PRAY for everyone's highs and lows

Offer your hearts and minds in prayer. Simply talk to God. Thank God for His goodness, and ask for guidance as needed.



BLESS one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's forehead as a reminder that you belong to God and to one another. Make eye and heart contact as you share words of blessing such as “You are a beloved child of God.”