

DECEMBER 24-25, 2014
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The Savior of the world has been born
in Bethlehem.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Wednesday	Luke 2:1-14	The birth of Jesus
Thursday	Luke 2:8-20	Angels appear to shepherds
Friday	Titus 2:11-14	God's grace has appeared
Saturday	Psalms 96	God's judgment is good and just
Sunday	Luke 2:22-40	Jesus presented in the temple

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God has shown us how kind he is by coming to save all people.
Titus 2:11 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Be with us as we share gifts with one another. Draw us closer to you and each other, and fill this home with love, peace and joy. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, thank you for this special day; bless all we do and all we say. May we each enjoy your blessings great, as Jesus' birth we celebrate. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's gift of Jesus bring you peace and joy. May Jesus come into your heart this Christmas. Amen.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What was your favorite Christmas gift this year? What gift did you most enjoy giving someone else?
- At Christmas, we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Why is his birth something to celebrate?
- What can you do or say as your birthday gift to Jesus this year?

DEVOTIONS

Before you open your Christmas gifts have a household member read the Christmas story from Luke 2 or from a Bible storybook. Ask each person to share their favorite part of the story. Then say together the "Prayer for the Week" from this resource.

SERVICE

Write the names of your household members on slips of paper and randomly distribute. (Make sure no one has a slip with their own name!) Ask each person to perform a "gift of service" for the person named on their slip as part of your household Christmas gift giving.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Make your Christmas Day into a celebration of Jesus' birthday! As a shared household activity, decorate a cake with Christmas symbols. Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus at your Christmas day meal. Have each person complete this sentence: "*The birth of Jesus is special to me because _____.*"



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