



# CHRISTMAS MORNING

## GOD. WITH. US.

Whether you're celebrating Christmas morning with loved ones or on your own, read Luke 2:1-38 aloud. If you're with a group, have a few people read, and encourage kids to participate in the reading. When you're finished reading the Scripture, read the following prayer aloud.

## A PRAYER FOR SLOWING DOWN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Creator of the universe, You've made everything. You are my Helper, my Brother, my Father, and You are God. You designed everything that makes me me before I could even open my eyes. Sin was once my master. But now, Holy Spirit, You rule my thoughts and affections. Jesus, You chose to come close, to bear the weight of my sin, to give me new life. Having no need for me or anything I can offer, You made Your love touchable—as an embodied baby, cradled in wiry hay. For the King of the universe to enter our world as a newborn, something more humble could not be done. Father, remind me of how You sent Your Son in every celebration, gift exchange, and tradition this Christmas Day. You are better than all of it. Amen.

## CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Read and reflect on each passage before answering the following questions with family, friends, or on your own.

### GOD

Jesus, the Messiah, has come! Born as a helpless infant, He was swaddled in cloths and placed in a manger. Though weak and lowly in appearance, this is the God of the universe. He upholds all creation with His power.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

— COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

1. How does the Son reflect the image of the Father to us? Why is that important?
2. In Jesus, all of creation is held together. What kind of God holds together the entire universe? Consider what that truth means for your life, for every decision you make, and for every moment spent with loved ones.

## WITH.

The Son of God, the King of heaven, put on human flesh and lived among us. He was a servant to all so that He might extend the mercy and glory of the Father to His chosen people. He is Immanuel, God with us.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

— JOHN 1:14,16

1. Jesus was fully God and fully man. What does that mean to you, that the powerful God we read about above came to dwell among us whom He created?
2. Do you believe God has “grace upon grace” for you? How does that change the way you give grace to yourself and others?

## US.

The Eternal Word came and dwelt among us—a broken people in need of a Savior. He felt as we have felt in every circumstance and remained obedient to the Father on our behalf.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.

— HEBREWS 4:14-16

1. What stories about Jesus display the way He can sympathize with the things you struggle with?
2. Jesus is a Savior who wants to be near to us. What keeps you from drawing near to Jesus? Which Scriptures remind you of Jesus’ nearness to you?

## KIDS QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITY



Jesus is the Rescuer who can bring me to the greatest treasure in the world.

1. GOD: Why is it important that Jesus is God?
2. WITH: What does it mean to you that God’s Son came to earth?
3. US: Where in the Bible do we see that Jesus is with us?

Draw a picture of the first Christmas morning, and tell your parents why it’s so exciting!

*Bonus Activity: Have your family act out or retell the story of the first Christmas morning!*