

# 25 Days of Scripture & Activities for Christmas

**1** John 1:1-5, 14 Turn off the lights in your house. Plug in your Christmas lights. Notice how the light shines in the darkness - the same way Jesus did and the same way we should! Light a candle and SHINE!

**2** Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Matthew 1:1 This is Jesus's earthly family tree! Make a Christmas tree craft or ornament. Eat a Christmas tree snack.

**3** Isaiah 7:10-14 When people are celebrating a baby, they often have a baby shower. Have your own baby shower today! Collect baby items and take them to a Pregnancy Center.

**4** Luke 1:26-38 If you have a nativity scene, act out this passage with your Mary and angel figures. Make an angel craft!

**5** Matthew 1:18-25 Make a hand-print angel craft. Use your hands for the wings and the body -- use paint or trace and cut out. Add a head and halo. Eat angel food cake!

**6** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Write the names of Jesus from this passage on index cards. Hide them throughout your house and go on a Name of Jesus search. Talk about what each name means when you find it.

**7** Micah 5:2-5 Make your own town of Bethlehem using gingerbread houses!

**8** Luke 2:1-7 Make a baby Jesus snack using string cheese and ham. Wrap the ham around the string cheese Jesus. Make a manger out of pretzels and use shoestring potatoes for the hay.

**9** Luke 2:8-20 Make candy cane cookies or eat candy canes to remind you of the shepherds' staffs!

**10** Luke 2:21-38 This is when Jesus was given his name! Make a name of Jesus craft for your tree. Cut out 5 circles, put a letter of Jesus's name on each circle and connect them together using ribbon.

**11** Psalm 72:8-13 Have you done any Christmas shopping yet? Wrap some presents and put them under your tree! Make a homemade gift for someone who could use some cheering up. Give it to that person. You are giving gifts -- just like the Magi did!

**12** Matthew 2:1-12 Make a star craft for your tree! Play "Follow the Star" -- like Follow the Leader but one person is the star!

**13** Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:13-14 Herod didn't like that a new king was born! Jesus was (and is) the King of Kings! Make a crown craft for your tree. Cut out a crown shape, decorate it and hang it on the tree.

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Jeremiah 31:15,  
Matthew 2:16-18

Herod did not value human life and there are still people today who do not value human life. Pray for people to realize that every life matters to God!

Jesus was placed in a tomb and a rock was put in front of it. Paint a rock today. Make a tomb out of playdough and put your painted rock in front of it.

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Matthew 27:57-66

Luke 2:39-40  
Jesus grew up - just like you are growing up! What do you think it was like to be a brother or sister of Jesus? Draw or write what you think that would have been like.

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Philippians 2:5-11  
Jesus was a servant -- we should be servants, too! Look for ways to serve someone today!

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Matthew 28:1-10

Jesus is alive! Have races to see who can "get to the empty tomb" the fastest! Make empty tomb snacks using crescent rolls and marshmallows. Roll the marshmallow in cinnamon and sugar, place it in the crescent roll and bake. When the roll comes out, the crescent roll should be empty -- just like Jesus's tomb!

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Acts 2:37-47

Make church window cookies to remind you of the importance of being part of a church! Take some special gifts to those in need.

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Matthew 26:47-56

Jesus was betrayed by a kiss. Use Hershey Kisses, pretzels, and chocolate candies to make a treat today. Put a kiss in the center of each pretzel, bake for 3 minutes at 350, and add a chocolate candy to the top

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Matthew 27:33-54

Make a cross ornament and add it to your tree. Use pretzel rods, melted chocolate and sprinkles to make a cross snack.

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John 20:19-31  
Tie some nails together with ribbon and hang them on your tree to remind you of Jesus's sacrifice.

23 Romans 5:6-11

Jesus wants us to be his witnesses to the whole world. Make a world craft for your tree. Use a clear plastic or glass ornament, a map of the world and mod podge. Mod podge pieces of the map to the ornament. Put a cross over the whole thing, add ribbon and put it on your tree. Let this remind you to pray for people around the world!

Jesus died for you! Make a beaded ornament to remind you of his sacrifice. Use the following color beads: black (sin), red (Jesus's death), blue (baptism), white (sins washed away), green (growing in faith), yellow (heaven). String them on a pipe cleaner, form it into a wreath, add ribbon and hang it on your tree!

Make a photo ornament to remind you that Jesus died for YOU!

Merry Christmas!



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