



Into the Bible:

December

Sanlando Christian School

Bible Point: God sent his son Jesus for us!

Response: "Hallelujah!"

Verse: "For a child has been born for us."

-Isaiah 9:6

Stories:

- *Jesus is born*
- *The shepherds visit*
- *Wise men bring gifts*

Prayer:

*Joy, joy - a baby boy!
The king has come to earth.
Don't you wait - let's celebrate
The Savior's holy birth.
Amen.*

Things you can do at home:

Rather than give you weekly activities, we'll share some of what we do at school, along with ways you can adapt the ideas for use at home.

- **Nativity:** At SCS, we use a tool called "What God Wants for Christmas." It's a nativity set, but with a twist— each character is in a gift box, and as your child opens each box, you tell that part of the story. **At home:** you can gift wrap the individual pieces of any nativity set and open them one at a time - just label them with numbers so you know which order to open them! Eventually your child should be able to retell the basics of the story.
- **Dress Up:** We have costumes that the children can use to "be" the Christmas story. You can make simple costumes using paper plate masks or old fabric and clothing. Then act out the story with your children.
- **Advent Calendar:** You can buy one, but they are easy to make - in kindergarten, we make a simple Christmas countdown chain, and at bedtime, the child can tear off another link. Some families wrap up books and unwrap one each night to read.
- **Giving to Others:** It might be food donations or participating in our drive for the Children's Home Society - but let your child help you shop (and wrap), and see if they can tell you how they are helping someone else.