

DECEMBER 24-25, 2025
CHRISTMAS EVE,
CHRISTMAS DAY



Praising God for Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Christmas observances.

Tuesday	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20	A child is born The birth of Jesus
Wednesday	John 1:1-14 Hebrews 1:1-12	The Word became flesh God has spoken through Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR CHRISTMAS

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it has been told them. Luke 2:20 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Christmas:

Glory to you O God, glory to you Lord Christ; lead us to praise you and to trust your reign of hope, peace, joy, and love now and always. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Now the silence, now the peace, we pray all hunger in the world to cease. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the news of Jesus' birth give you joy.



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HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

Away in a Manger



CHRISTMAS MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you shouted for joy?
- What is it about the Christmas story that makes you want to shout for joy?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 2:1-20.

Our faith in Christ is based in history. It is the time of Emperor Augustus. The town is Bethlehem in Judea. The parents are a poor couple without land of their own. Jesus' birth happens at a time when the Jews were occupied by the Romans, a foreign power controlling much of their lives. While the events describe the life of poverty and oppression that has been a constant factor in human history, something quite amazing breaks into the story: an angel, a messenger of God, and a whole host of heavenly figures announce good news, news that shepherds—a marginalized group in society—bring to Mary, Joseph, and countless throngs throughout history. The birth of Jesus challenges history as we typically see it and announces a divine history that promises God's rule of peace and hope, life and salvation. *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"* (v.14).

Discuss: The angels praised God at Jesus' birth. How do you show praise for Jesus' birth?

Pray: **Lord God, for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ that changes everything for us and for the world, we praise you for your promise of life and peace and salvation. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Christmas Bible Readings and theme for this day, what are some ways you can bring joy to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The white candle placed in the center of the Advent wreath represents Christ. Light the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love on the wreath. Then light the Christ Candle.

Leader: This candle is a symbol of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **John 1:5 states, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." Jesus is the true light who gives light to every person. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, the true light of the world. Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives us hope, peace, joy, and love.**

Pray: **Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for being born into our world. Bring your eternal light to our hearts, our homes, and our world, for you are our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

