

Day 2

Read Matthew 2:1-12

Did you get a gift for Christmas that you could use to interact with Matthew 2:1-12? Or maybe you just have some of the items below that you can use to bring the verses to life. Here are some ideas. . .

- Use stuffed animals or action figures to act out what you read
- Use a new device to tell the story in emojis
- Use your karaoke machine and microphone to read or sing the verses out loud
- Use craft supplies to illustrate what you read
- Use a new device to film a dramatic interpretation of the verses (recruit family members to help!)

Whatever you choose to do, remember you can do this for any Bible verses you read—another way you can **celebrate Jesus all year long!**



Day 3

What was your Christmas like?

Did you celebrate Jesus—God’s greatest gift? Fill in the blanks of the prayer below with a couple of ways you celebrated Jesus.

The good news is that even though Christmas is over, you can celebrate Jesus all year long. Take some time to thank God for the Christmas season, but also to ask for help as you aim to celebrate Jesus all year long.

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**Dear God,** thank You for the reason for Christmas—for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world. It was really fun getting to celebrate Jesus this month by \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_.

But I don’t want to stop the celebration just because it’s not December 25th anymore. Please show me how I can celebrate Jesus in a big way all throughout 2025. Help me to see the needs of others, to act in a way that shows them Your love, and to spend time growing closer to You. In Jesus’ Name, I pray. **Amen.**

## Day 4

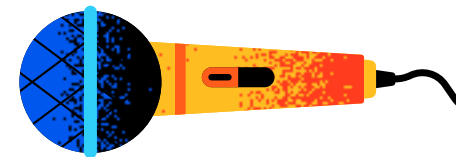
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### Do you have any leftover Christmas cookies?

Maybe you got some candy in your stocking you could share. Find something yummy you can share with your family sitting by the fire or the Christmas tree. While you enjoy your treat, pose this question to everyone:

#### **How can you (we) celebrate Jesus all year long?**

Talk about ways you can grow in your relationship with God—after all, Jesus came so you could have a relationship with God forever! Share with each other ways you can serve others, like volunteering or donating. And don’t forget to talk about ways you can show love to each other too!



## Day 5

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### The best way to celebrate Jesus is to live like He lived.

We can do that by showing love to God and love to others in all that we do!

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Think back to the conversation you had with your family yesterday. You probably got some good ideas on ways you can celebrate Jesus in the year ahead. Use some of those ideas and come up with some new ones on your own to finish filling in this Celebration Calendar. Then hang this paper somewhere to remind yourself each month of 2025, to **never stop celebrating Jesus** by showing God’s love to others!

January – Read Bible every day

February –

March –

April – Help parents spring clean

May – Volunteer somewhere

June –

July – Lemonade stand for charity

August –

September –

October – Rake neighbor’s leaves

November –

December –