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celebrate JESUS

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Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host^[a] with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven,^b and peace on earth to people he favors! —Luke 2:11-14

AMAZING LOVE

Amazing! That’s the first word that comes to my mind when reading today’s verses. Can you imagine being with the shepherds in a dark field when all of a sudden the sky was filled with the heavenly host praising God? Maybe it was a little scary at first, but then, wow! Don’t you imagine that was an experience those shepherds never forgot?

Think about today. With all of the presents, parades, and programs we have around us now at Christmas, we can lose focus of why we celebrate. Although that unforgettable night was so very long ago, we should still be amazed at the love God showed us when He sent us His only Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: SING HIS PRAISES

During the busyness of the day, stop and take time to talk about how God showed His amazing love through the gift of Jesus Christ. Read today’s Scripture again, reminding kids how the angels sang praises to God. Ask each family member to pantomime the name of his favorite Christmas carol. Once the correct carol has been named, sing the song together.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do we celebrate Christmas?

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2. The angels praised God when Christ was born. Why do we still praise Him today?

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