

DECK THE HALLS

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



PRETEEN

DECEMBER 2023

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

With the busyness of the Christmas season, it's easy to lose sight of why we celebrate in the first place. We forget that at the time of the first Christmas, God's people were anticipating a Rescuer who would come and save the world. That's what makes a countdown like an advent calendar so powerful. It allows us daily moments to stop and reflect on God, who loved us so much and sent Jesus to be our Savior. This December, we're "decking the halls" and taking the whole the month to focus on nothing but Christmas by celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift! We can't wait to shine a spotlight on crucial moments in the story of Jesus' birth as we count down to Christmas. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we take this month to count down to the fun of Christmas Day, let's take time to remember the reason we celebrate in the first place: Jesus, the greatest gift the world has ever known.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Is Promised
Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6-7,
Isaiah 7:14-15

KEY QUESTION

What are you hoping for?

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY

Gabriel Appears to Mary
Luke 1:26-56

KEY QUESTION

What are your plans this Christmas?

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Is Born
Luke 2:1-7

KEY QUESTION

What makes your Christmas joyful?

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY

Shepherds and Angels
Luke 2:8-20

KEY QUESTION

How can you share God's love this Christmas?

WEEK FIVE

BIBLE STORY

Wise Men
Matthew 2:1-12

KEY QUESTION

What are you looking forward to in the new year?

MEMORY VERSE

"A CHILD WILL BE BORN TO US. A SON WILL BE GIVEN TO US. HE WILL RULE OVER US. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL ADVISER AND MIGHTY GOD. HE WILL ALSO BE CALLED FATHER WHO LIVES FOREVER AND PRINCE WHO BRINGS PEACE."

ISAIAH 9:6, NIRV

CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATING JESUS, GOD'S GREATEST GIFT