



Birth of Jesus (Christmas Eve)

December 24, 2021

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God the parent of the Christ child, today we celebrate the birth of the king! Fill us with joy and hope, as Jesus' birth offers new life for all! Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus was born into the family of David at a time when David's family was gathered for a census. His birth brought people together and continues to do so.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What emotions does Christmas evoke in you at this time of the year? How can you turn positive emotions into action for the benefit of others? If the holidays are hard for you, who could you turn to for help getting through this tough time?

For the littles: What smells, sights, sounds, and emotions can you imagine at Jesus' birth?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you now and forever. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Return to the store one gift that is given to you this Christmas. Use the money to bless someone who has little. If you are the recipient of aid this Christmas, accept the help with gratitude and your head held high. It takes courage to accept help from others.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Friday, Luke 2:1-20, Birth of Jesus

Saturday, Luke 1:26-38, Birth of Jesus Foretold