



# Hey Family!

It's officially Christmas time! That probably means that the trees are up, the cookies are in the oven, and Christmas movies are on the TV. It's an amazing time... But is it an intentional time?

We wanted to provide you with some tips on how to make your Christmas season intentional by taking time to teach your child about how to love God, love people, discover their purpose, and win their world during Christmas time!

Here are four Christmas-themed activities for you to do with your child, centered on each of our fpKIDS values!

## Love God

A fun activity for you and your child to show your love for God during Christmas time is to bake a "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake together! We all LOVE cake, and while you're baking the cake together, you can talk with your child about the Christmas story: how Jesus came to bring us into a relationship with God! One of our handles for Love God is "We put God first." You could explain to your child that we put God first, which means during Christmas too! You could write, "Happy Birthday Jesus" with icing, and when it's all finished, you could sing, "Happy Birthday" to Jesus as a family! Then, you all get to enjoy the yummy cake together, remembering how sweet it is to love Jesus!

## Love People

Everyone should feel loved and seen, especially during the Christmas season. Think of someone you know who is in need. This could be someone who is struggling financially or with a health issue, or it could be someone who has lost a loved one. Christmas is often a difficult time for those who are grieving. Put together a gift basket for this person in need with your child. It doesn't need to be fancy. It could simply be some groceries, a gift card, and a note telling them how much your family and God love them. While putting together your gift basket, talk with your child about how Jesus loves people and that you as a family get to love people with His love too!

## Discover Purpose

Of course, you want your child to make wonderful memories this Christmas. You want them to eat cookies, help you decorate the tree, watch the Rudolph Christmas special, and love their gifts. But, more than anything else, don't you want them to know what the Christmas season is about? Don't you want them to know that the greatest gift of all was given by God? Our purpose is to win our world, and our purpose doesn't change when Christmas comes around. One of our handles for Discover Purpose is "We never stop learning." A simple way to model this for your child this Christmas is to read the Christmas story in the Bible with them! Make it a fun story time for your family! Allow time for your child to ask questions and talk about the story of Jesus' birth. This will show your child that honoring Jesus at Christmas is important to you and should be important to them too!

## Win Your World

Christmas is supposed to be "the most wonderful time of the year," but for so many, it's the most stressful time of the year. Especially for those working in retail. A simple way for you and your child to win your world this Christmas is to make a few Christmas cards together to give out to retail workers at the mall, Target, Walmart, or wherever you shop! One of our handles for Win Your World is "We choose to fill our world with joy." You and your child can bring joy to those working in retail with your Christmas cards! Gather your art supplies and decorate your cards. You could write "Merry Christmas" messages and Bible verses, and you can even invite people to Faith Promise in your cards! Use this time to explain to your child that by filling the world with joy, you are winning your world to Jesus!

We hope these activities bless your family and others this Christmas! Family, we love you, and from all of the fpKIDS Team, Merry Christmas!

