



Birth of Jesus
(Christmas Eve)

December 24, 2017 (evening)

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



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

Lord of the little ones, your finest work came about on a quiet night in a small town. Instill in us the wonder of a Savior's birth: how something so ordinary is the most extraordinary of all. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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

⁷And 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.

Joseph and his newly betrothed, heavily pregnant wife make it to town just as she's about to give birth. But, as we know, this is no ordinary baby. Bethlehem is about to get rocked.



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?

Wonder: What was it like visiting with the tiny baby Jesus on the night of his birth? What smells, sights, sounds, and emotions can you imagine?



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 for devotions on the daily readings.

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

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

Wednesday, Matthew 2:1-12, Wise Men

Thursday, Luke 2:21-32, Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

Friday, Luke 2:33-40, Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

Saturday, Luke 2:41-52, The Boy Jesus in the Temple