

Christmas Eve bonus, December 24: The Christ candle

A 10-minute family reading for the dinner table or the end of a Christmas Eve service.

MEMORY VERSE

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 (KJV)

1. **Light all the candles.** Light Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, then the white Christ candle in the centre. Say: "The waiting is over. Jesus is here."
2. **Read the story in three parts.** Let a different family member read each part.
   - Luke 2:1-7: Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem, and Jesus is laid in a manger.
   - Luke 2:8-14: Angels bring good news to shepherds in the fields.
   - Luke 2:15-20: The shepherds hurry to find Jesus and tell everyone what they saw.
3. **Talk about it.**
   - Why do you think God told shepherds first?
   - Which Advent candle reminds you most of Jesus' birth?
   - Who could we share this good news with?
4. **Pray together.** "Jesus, thank You for coming to be with us. Fill our home with Your hope, peace, joy and love. Amen."

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