



CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT TRADITION

Supplies: Bible, timer, this printout, and a pen

- Retell the Christmas Story in this FUN & ACTIVE way, by reading parts of the Biblical story as you engage in 5 tasks together!
- Finish in prayer (a sample is provided for you to use)

Verses here are from the NIRV to be child friendly.
Use whatever version you prefer.

Choose someone to read the following:

Luke 2: In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. 2 It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

Set a timer for 2 minutes to see how fast everyone can make a LIST (written or just voiced) of all the names in the whole family.

READY, SET, GO!

How many names did you count in the 2 minutes? _____

Ask another person to read the following:

4 So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. 5 He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. 6 While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. 7 She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

Set a timer for 2 minutes to see how fast the family can go find Baby pictures from around the house CAREFULLY....

READY, SET, GO! Prop the photos up around room.

How many photos were found? _____

Ask another person to read the following:

8 There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Set a timer for 2 minutes to see how fast everyone can go get COZY!
Think blankets, fuzzy socks, etc..

READY, SET, GO!

Take a family picture selfie of everyone bundled up!

Ask another person to read the following:

13 Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,

14 "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven!

And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"

15 The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. 17 After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. 18 All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her

heart. She thought about them over and over. 20 The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

Set a timer for 2 minutes to see how fast the family can go find something they treasure deeply....

READY, SET, GO!

Share what your treasured item is with each other. How does your treasure compare to what Mary treasured?

Matthew 6:19-21 says "Do not gather for yourselves riches on earth. Moths and rats can destroy them. Thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, gather for yourselves riches in heaven. There, moths and rats do not destroy them. There, thieves do not break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your riches are."

Choose another person to read the last verses:

Matthew 2 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. This happened while Herod was king of Judea. After Jesus' birth, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. 2 They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him."

Set a timer for 2 minutes to see how fast the family can go find as many star-shaped items!

READY, SET, GO!

How many stars were found?_____

Gather everyone together and close with these remarks:

This Christmas is special. 2020 has been a challenging and different year for most of us. What is special is that fact that CHRISTMAS is unchanged! Let us praise the Lord for this and pray for Him to be present with us right now as we celebrate the BEST GIFT EVER!

Gracious Father, thank You for sending Your Son to us. Thank You that no matter what is happening around us we know You do not change and You love us! Thank You for all the names we listed in our family. May You bless each one and show us how to support and love each other well. Thank You for life, for every lil' baby, especially JESUS! Lord, thank You for providing for us, even the warmth we feel in our cozy things. You provided for Jesus in a manger and You are still providing for us today. Thank You for offering hope and eternal life with You, a treasure that cannot be taken away from us, through faith in Jesus! Lord thank You that You guide us each day. No star is needed, may we seek You and listen to what Your Word says and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Merry Christmas God, thank You for this sweet day of celebration. In Jesus' HOLY and precious name, we all pray, AMEN.