



#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story at the URL above the title of each day. Scanning the QR code at right will take you to the text.
2. With your family, answer each day's questions.
3. Pray and ask God to help you apply it to your life.



Want to send in your answers? Record a voice message at [keysforkids.net/countdown](https://keysforkids.net/countdown)

#### DECEMBER 1

Read the story here:  
[keysforkids.net/countdown01](https://keysforkids.net/countdown01)

#### TIMELESS TRADITIONS

What Christmas traditions does your family have? How do those traditions help remind you what Christmas is really about? If you don't have any traditions now, think about what you would like to start as a family.

#### DECEMBER 2

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#### AN EARLY CHRISTMAS WISH

It's easy to only think of ourselves during the Christmas season, but there are many families who have nothing. What's one way you can show someone God's love during the Christmas season?

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#### CHRISTMAS IN COLOR

What are your favorite Christmas colors? Can you think of a special meaning for each color to remind yourself of the Christmas story?

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#### A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

The Christmas season is a fun time with many ways to decorate and prepare for Christmas Day. How does your family get ready for Christmas?

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#### DECORATING THE TREE

Many people don't know or believe the true Christmas story of Jesus coming to earth, dying for our sins, and coming back to life. How does knowing God's truth from the Bible change the way you live?

#### DECEMBER 6

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#### THE REAL THING

Why do we celebrate Christmas? What parts of Christmas can distract us from the real reason we celebrate Christmas?

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#### SANTA PAUSE

Is your Christmas to-do list a mile long? This can be a really busy season, so how can you pause and rest in Jesus?

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#### BE THE GIFT

It's fun to think about what gifts you might receive for Christmas, but what about others in need? What would you be willing to sacrifice so that someone else could have what they need?

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#### TRAINING TIME

Do you know someone who's uncomfortable doing something that you think is harmless? Not all Christians agree on what's okay to read, watch, wear, or celebrate. Have you ever disagreed with a Christian friend over whether something was okay to do or not do?

#### DECEMBER 10

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#### LIVING CHRISTMAS

Have you ever had to make a sacrifice to show kindness to someone? Maybe it was even the awkward kid in your own class. How can remembering Jesus's sacrifice for us help you show God's love like that?

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#### LIVING CHRISTMAS 2

How can you give to others this Christmas? It doesn't have to be a present. A kind word, an act of service, or letting someone ahead of you in line are all wonderful gifts too!

#### DECEMBER 12

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#### A SPECIAL BABY

Do your friends know Jesus and why He came to earth? How can you share the true meaning of Christmas with them?

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#### THE GRINCH

Do you have a grinch in your life? Maybe a neighbor or a classmate who is hard to love? How can your joy in Jesus show them His love when they're at their grinchiest?

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#### A LOT LIKE ME

If Jesus had been born into your family, what do you think growing up with Him would be like?

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**NOW!**

If you've grown up going to church all your life, you've probably heard the Christmas story a million times. What can you and your family do to remember how amazing Jesus's birth really is?

**DECEMBER 16**

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**WHERE'S THE BIRTHDAY BOY?**

It's great to have parties and give presents at Christmas, but don't let it distract you from why we celebrate. What's one thing you could do to celebrate Jesus this year?

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**NO ROOM**

The innkeeper couldn't make room for Jesus, but you can! What are some ways you can make room by showing kindness to others?

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**EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Knowing the Christmas story is good, but it's not enough. What do you think it means to know Jesus personally?

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**WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT**

Maybe you've gone through the worst year of your life, and you're feeling sad. What are some of the good things you can focus on this year? How can you trust Jesus even in hard times?

**DECEMBER 20**

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**MARY'S PART**

In today's story, Kaylee was too proud to be a good Mary in the play. Are you humble or proud? Ask God how you can be a humble servant like Mary.

**DECEMBER 21**

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**SMELLY PRESENTS**

Have you ever done good things to make God or other people think you're a good person? You can't get into heaven by doing good things. You can only accept the salvation God offers. Learn more at [keysforkids.net/salvation](https://keysforkids.net/salvation)

**DECEMBER 22**

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**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

Do you think you can wait until you're older to think about trusting Jesus? Why is it important to think about right now? If you're ready to trust Jesus, learn more at [keysforkids.net/salvation](https://keysforkids.net/salvation)

**DECEMBER 23**

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**THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT**

Jesus gave us everything when He came to earth to save us. In return, the best gift you can give Him is yourself. How can you give yourself to Jesus this Christmas?

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**THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**

What do you think Jesus gave up when He came to earth as a baby?

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**GUEST OF HONOR**

There are a lot of distractions during the Christmas season, even good things like parties, cookies, and gifts. But how can you keep Jesus as the most important part of Christmas?

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**GIVING BACK TO GOD**

Think about all the things you're good at. Each of them is a gift from God, and you can use them to glorify Him. What is one thing you're good at, and how can you use it for God?

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**WHEN LOVE IS DIFFICULT**

Christmas can be a tough time for some, and they may be hard to be kind to. How can you show them God's love even when they're being difficult?

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**AFTER-CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

Are you feeling let down after all of the fun of Christmas? How can you lift up your own spirit and encourage others too?

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**JUST LIKE SAMMY**

Jesus could have come to earth as a powerful king, but instead He came as a little baby. Why do you think Jesus came to earth as a humble child?

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**CREDIT DUE**

In today's story, Taylor bragged about her part in the Christmas play. How can you give God credit for the things you do instead of taking the credit yourself?

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**MAKING ROOM**

If you're a Christian, how can you show God's love to others as the new year begins? Is there something you can do on a regular basis to encourage others?

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