



Family Time

Main Idea: A Christmas Gathering



Key Verse: John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



Say:

Christmas is about celebrating Jesus and being together. We can't be with everyone we love. We send Christmas cards to remember and show we care about others. God's Christmas card was Jesus. What are some ways Jesus is like a Christmas card? (He brings good news, He expresses love, He wants to be with us, etc.)

Ask:

Christmas is full of lights, stars, and hope, pointing to Jesus as the light of the world.

Why is light so important?

We decorate our tree with lights and ornaments. They help us remember certain events that happened in our family story and the story of Christmas.

What are some of our favorite ornaments? Why?

Activity:

Reflect as a family on the year's significant events for each family member: a notable achievement, significant learning, a developing passion, skill, or character trait.

Give everyone a sheet of paper and have each person create an ornament that would remind you of that event.

Another great way to reflect on others during this Christmas season is to wrap a shoebox or some other small box. As Christmas cards arrive place them in the box in the order you receive them.

At dinner, take out a card and spend some time praying for that family. After you pray for the family represented by their card, ask:

- What do you know about the family?
- Do you remember the last time we saw them?
- What is your best memory of this family?

Do this until you have been able to pray for each family that sent you a card.



Pray:

Dear God, Thank you for sending Your precious Son to be our sacrifice. We know You did this because You love us. You want us to be together, to be close. Help us to love and know you more this Christmas.

In Jesus' name. amen