

Gather 'Round for Christmas

Luke 2:1–20
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1. Kings gathered to obey God's [will](#). *Luke 2:1–2*
2. People gathered to their [homelands](#). *Luke 2:3*
3. Joseph and Mary gathered to [Bethlehem](#). *Luke 2:4–7*
4. Angels gathered to proclaim [Good News](#). *Luke 2:8–14*
5. Shepherds gathered to worship [Jesus](#). *Luke 2:16–20*



As your family “Gathers ‘Round for Christmas,” use this Faith Talk from Bellevue’s Home Point Ministry to reflect on the true reason for the season—the birth of Christ.

He’s Here

“But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”
Galatians 4:4^{NLT}

Things you’ll need:

- Best use is after dark or in a dark room
- Lights—Christmas tree lights, house lights, etc.
- Bible

Faith Talk:

History is “His Story,” and this activity demonstrates and highlights a very exciting time in history.

Gather your family and turn out the lights—the darker the room, the better. Discuss being afraid of the dark and how fears make us want to run and hide. As an illustration have everyone find a hiding place. Explain that, without Jesus, we all live in darkness—we are without hope. Just as the world was physically dark before God said, *“Let there be light,”* the world was spiritually dark before Jesus, the Light of the world, came.

“But when just the right time came, God sent his Son...” Galatians 4:4

Suddenly, turn on the lights and yell, “He’s here!” Jesus said, *“I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.”* John 12:46

“Emmanuel” means “God with us.” Jesus loved us so much that He came to bring light. He is the Light!

When Jesus returned to Heaven, He did not leave us alone. The Holy Spirit came to live in those who believe in Jesus.

Jesus said to the new believers, *“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:14–15

Use these discussion points as a guide:

- Discuss positive ways to handle fear. Deuteronomy 31:8
- How can we let our *“light shine before men”*? Matthew 5:14–15
- What good deeds can we do as a family that would allow others to see Jesus’ light in us? Plan something specific for this week.



Download the complete Faith Talk at bellevue.org/homepoint.