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# *The story behind Christmas: Birth of Jesus Christ*

Christmas is arrived, and so have the festivities! Why not get your children together this year and tell them the story of Jesus Christ's birth? Inform them of the festival's genuine purpose so that they can observe it more meaningfully. Here is a short version of the tale that you will love telling the children.

Every year on December 25, the day of Jesus' birth, people around the world celebrate Christmas. His birth narrative is presented here.

King Herod controlled Judea, which is now in modern-day Israel, about 2000 years ago. Mary was a young girl who resided in Nazareth and was engaged to Joseph. One day, God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary to inform her that she was to become the mother of a boy who would become God's son.

Mary bid her loved ones farewell before travelling to see her cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah. Zechariah had been informed by an angel that Elizabeth's child would get people ready to accept Jesus. John was gonna be his name. Mary's presence made Zechariah and Elizabeth very delighted. After spending three months with them, Mary left for Nazareth.

In Joseph's dream, an angel appeared and informed him that Mary had been selected by God to carry his child, who should be named Jesus. Mary and Joseph got married to one another.

The Roman emperor, meanwhile, commanded that everyone return to their homes and write their names in a register so that a census could be taken. Therefore, Mary and Joseph had to make the long journey to Bethlehem. They arrived in Bethlehem after travelling for a long period due to Mary's heavy pregnancy.



When they arrived, every home and guest room had already been occupied. As a result, they were unable to obtain lodging. They were so forced to stay in a barn with animals. Jesus was born here thanks to Mary. The stable where animals were fed hay served as Jesus' bed.

Numerous angels appeared after his birth, illuminating the sky. They performed hymns in which they announced the arrival of a Savior in Bethlehem. When other shepherds in the neighbouring town noticed this, they made the decision to visit Bethlehem and take a look for themselves.

A brilliant star emerged in the sky during Jesus' birth. Some intelligent folks in distant nations noticed the star and understood what it signified. Jerusalem, the capital of Judea, was reached after they followed the star. There, they inquired about the location of the newborn Jewish king by asking around. Herod, the king of Judea, was deeply upset when he learned this. To find Jesus, he sent the wise and prudent to follow the star and report back to him.

He kept quiet about his terrible intentions to murder. When the Wise Men arrived at Joseph and Mary's home, they brought various presents for the new born. In a dream, the Wise Men were cautioned not to return to Herod. So they took an alternative route home.

Herod gave the order to execute all boys under the age of two in Bethlehem and the surrounding territories because he was enraged about having been duped by the wise men. As Herod was on the hunt for Jesus, God came to Joseph in a dream and instructed him to flee to Egypt.

In a further dream after Herod's demise, Joseph was instructed to return with his family to Israel. Joseph heard that Herod's son had become the new king before deciding to travel to Judea. Instead, he relocated his family to Nazareth, their ancestral village, in Galilee.

The Christmas liturgy and a lavish feast are common Christmas traditions. Children especially enjoy the holiday and look forward to decorating the Christmas tree and getting presents from Father Christmas or Santa Claus. It commemorates the birth of a human saviour and is the most significant event for Christians worldwide. Time to enjoy some happy time with friends and family.



# 5 Fun Things to Do on Christmas Day in 2022

**The presents have been torn open, the Nutella pancakes have been devoured and you've FaceTimed every family member who's not at your house, but when you look at your watch, it's only 9 a.m. Yep, there's something about this particular holiday that can make you feel like you've lived a whole life by noon, so it's no surprise that you might find yourself searching for some fresh ideas for things to do on Christmas Day in 2022.**

**Good news: We've compiled a list of festive, enjoyable activities to occupy your time, from hosting a movie night including your favourite Christmas films to killing time with Christmas-themed arts and crafts. These wintertime activities will make you feel cheery all day long, whether you're celebrating the holidays with your full extended family or just you and your significant other.**

## **Tour the Christmas Lights**

The environment can appear a little dull once the leaves have all fallen from the trees and winter has arrived, especially in the lack of recently fallen snow. Because of this, the appearance of elaborate and beautiful Christmas light displays is a sight to behold. Make it a point to take a tour of your neighborhood's (or a nearby neighborhood's) holiday illuminations on Christmas Day to prolong the joy of the season. You can always pack the family into the car for a drive-through Christmas lights event if it's too chilly to go on a tour on foot.

## **Watch a Christmas Movie**

There are plenty of great Christmas movies for any audience to enjoy, ranging from nostalgic black-and-white classics (It's a Wonderful Life, anyone?) to hilarious seasonal favourites that will cheer up the whole family. For a Christmas Day viewing experience that guarantees plenty of festive vibes and goes well with a hot beverage, gather your friends or cuddle up alone. Not sure which movie to pick? Find a feel-good movie for viewers of all ages by looking through our choice of Christmas classics.

## **Clean Up and Donate**

Giving back is the best way to get into the festive mood on Christmas Day. But if you find yourself suddenly motivated to volunteer, remember that the majority of NGOs are overrun over the holidays and actually require assistance at other times of the year. Instead, clear some space for your new acquisitions by employing your best Marie Kondo techniques, after which you should donate gently worn items to charities like the Salvation Army, Dress for Success, Goodwill, and Soles4Souls. In addition to feeling fantastic about making some extra room in the closet, studies have shown that being good to others makes individuals happy.

## **Make It a Themed Family Game Night**

Not interested in a long excursion on Christmas Day? We can't really blame you because the fire pit is so alluring. In fact, the holiday season is a great time to unwind, and if you're looking for something extra to do, just turn the night into a game night. We advise sticking to holiday-themed games to keep things feeling joyful. The good news is that you can still accomplish this even if your game collection doesn't already include seasonal titles. Check out our list of family-friendly Christmas games (as well as a few mature titles) and start playing.

## Get Crafty with Thank You Cards

Thank you cards are one Christmas custom that, if you're not careful, has a bad history of disappearing. Make it a Christmas Day activity to avoid making that mistake, and don't forget to get crafts for added enjoyment. Set aside some scrapbooking materials, an art activity, and a chance to express thanks (before you commit the cardinal sin of forgetting whether it was your grandma or your great aunt who gave you those fuzzy slippers).



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