



CHRISTMAS

AT SHEPHERD'S GATE

READING PLAN

Two perspectives. One story. One Savior. This Christmas at Shepherd's Gate, discover how God brought heaven to earth through the birth of Jesus the One who was, who is, and who will always be.

Nov 30: Satan & God – The War Behind Christmas

- ☐ Genesis 3:1–15
- ☐ Revelation 12:1–5

Dec 7: Mary & Joseph – Faith Under Pressure

- ☐ Luke 1:26–38
- ☐ Matthew 1:18–25

Dec 14: Herod & the Magi – Different Kings, Different Responses

- ☐ Matthew 2:1–16

Dec 21: Shepherds & Angels – From Glory to Lowly

- ☐ Luke 2:8–20

Dec 23 & 24: Heaven & Earth – When Two Realities Collide

- ☐ John 1:1–14
- ☐ Luke 2:1–7



NOV 30: Satan & God – The War Behind Christmas

Text: Genesis 3:1–15; Revelation 12:1–5

1. How does Genesis 3 help us understand why Christmas was necessary?
2. What does Revelation 12 reveal about the spiritual battle behind the birth of Christ?
3. In what ways do you see evidence of spiritual warfare during the Christmas season?
4. How does knowing God has already won the battle affect how we live today?
5. What practices can help us stay alert and spiritually engaged during this season?

Kid-Friendly Questions:

Why do you think Jesus had to come to earth?

What do you think it means that Jesus came to defeat evil?

How can we remember that Jesus is stronger than anything bad?



DEC 7: Mary & Joseph – Faith Under Pressure
Text: Luke 1:26–38; Matthew 1:18–25

1. What can we learn from Mary's and Joseph's responses to God's surprising plan?
2. What fears or doubts might you face if God interrupted your plans?
3. How do you know if you're hearing God's voice or just your own thoughts?
4. What does obedience look like when you're feeling uncertain?
5. How can we support one another when faith feels difficult?

Kid-Friendly Questions:

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they heard God's plan?

What do you do when you feel nervous or scared like they might have?

Can you think of a time you had to trust God?



DEC 14: Herod & the Magi – Different Kings, Different Responses

Text: Matthew 2:1–16

1. Why do you think Herod reacted with fear and the Magi with worship?
2. What do their responses teach us about our own hearts?
3. Are there areas in your life where you're resisting God's leadership?
4. How do we grow in surrender rather than control?
5. What does it mean to truly worship Jesus today?

Kid-Friendly Questions:

Who were the wise men? What did they do when they found Jesus?

Why do you think Herod was afraid of baby Jesus?

How can you show Jesus that you love Him?



DEC 21: Shepherds & Angels – From Glory to Lowly
Text: Luke 2:8–20

1. What surprises you most about the shepherds being the first to hear the good news?
2. How do their actions challenge or inspire your own faith?
3. Why do you think God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things?
4. Who in your life might feel overlooked this Christmas?
5. What can we do to reflect God's glory in humble ways?

Kid-Friendly Questions:

What do you think the shepherds saw and heard that night?

Why do you think God told the shepherds first?

How can you share the good news about Jesus with others?



DEC 23 & 24: Heaven & Earth – When Two Realities Collide
Text: John 1:1–14; Luke 2:1–7

1. What does John 1 tell us about who Jesus really is?
2. How does the idea of “God with us” change how we experience daily life?
3. In what ways do you try to keep heaven and earth separate in your thinking?
4. Where do you most need to welcome Christ’s presence right now?
5. How can your group or family be a living picture of heaven meeting earth?

Kid-Friendly Questions:

What does it mean that Jesus is “God with us”?

Why is Jesus’ birthday such good news for the world?

How can we celebrate Jesus being close to us every day?