Children's Christmas Devotions
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1. Perform a random act of kindness
2. Donate food to a local food bank
3. Have a coloring contest
4. Buy socks for a homeless shelter
5. Watch a favorite holiday movie

6. Make or buy a new Christmas ornament
7. Decorate a gingerbread house
8. Clean out and donate outgrown toys
9. Build a snowman out of cotton balls

10. Take cupcakes to your local fire department
11. Make a happy note for someone to find
12. Help wrap a Christmas present
13. Have a game night in your PJs
14. Sing Christmas carols
15. Make paper snowflakes
16. Take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree
17. Bake Christmas cookies
18. Deliver Christmas cards to your neighbors
19. Write a Christmas story

20. Twenty-four
21. Twenty-five
22. Take a cartour of your local light displays
23. Take a Christmas ornament to school
24. Read your favorite Christmas story
25. Read the Nativity story
MERRY Christmas
In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

Directions: Circle all the complete small “joy” words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find “Jesus” amid all the joy!

TOTAL JOY = _____
Use the code to complete Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.

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**ISAIAH 9:6, NIV**

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
Home for the Holidays
In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

**Directions:** Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.
Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

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Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.

shepherd’s staff

tree that keeps its leaves

shines to lead the way

green for eternal life, red for Jesus’ blood

sounds to announce good news

has no beginning or end

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath.
**PUZZLE**

**WHITE AS SNOW**

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

*Directions:* Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the “Path” box. Follow each picture’s directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.

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“_______ now, let us _______ the matter,” ______ the _______. “Though your _____ are like __________, they shall be as ________ as _______ ....”

*Isaiah 1:18, NIV*

Answer: Path 3; come, come, white, white, snow
Have a Blessed Christmas
Use the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the word from the boldface vertical column. Also unscramble the circled letters to reveal a seasonal phrase.

1. Carolers and instrumentalists make this
2. What happens at malls
3. The angel Gabriel appeared to her
4. You’ll find this under a Christmas tree
5. He was a carpenter
6. Joseph had to pay this in Bethlehem
7. The “ship of the desert”
8. Cattle eat out of this
9. Shepherds tend this

Bold word: __________________
Seasonal phrase: _________  ____  ________
Puzzle!

Enjoy solving this Christmas crossword.

1. He has a red nose
2. Red plants
3. Anna
4. Across The Anointed One
5. Keeper of sheep
6. 12th month (abbr.)
7. He was a carpenter
8. Northern little helpers
9. Enfleshed
10. A form of holly
11. Messiah composer
12. DiEhdrath
13. Daniel came to her
14. A patron saint of children (2 words)
15. 3&8 B
16. Wise men
17. Tree decorations
18. Patron saint of account of Jesus birth
19. Heavenly singers
20. He ordered the slaughter of the innocents
21. Christmas song
22. Author of the most famous account of Jesus birth
23. Presents
24. Messiah
25. Gifts of the wisemen
26. A gift of the wisemen
27. A gift of the wisemen

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.

1. TGLBEHHEME
2. NEAGLO
3. NRMEDAG
4. ODEKSNY
5. AMGYR
6. OHESJIP
7. EFJUSS
8. ITEENMSW
9. SPHHDSREEO
10. EMCFAL
11. TLSRA
12. CSSNUEO
13. HEVSPE
14. ENIN

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

sheep (λ), inn (E), gift of love (T), shepherds (O), census (O), angel (O), manager (D), wise men (F), Jesus (F), Joseph (I), Mary (G), donkey (S), star (L), camel (F), God’s gift of love (E)
Christmas is Coming!
Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the Lord!
The Greatest Gift
What’s in a name?
An angel told Joseph what to name Mary’s baby. Solve the puzzle to discover the name’s meaning.

Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

“S_e w_ll _ _ve b i_r_
to _ s_n, and _ _u a_e to
gi_e _i_ the _ _me J_us,
b_c_u_ _ he _ill s_ e his_
_ _op_e f_o_ t_ _ir s_n_.”

MATTHEW 1:21, NIV
Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel’s Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

be  baby  that  today
do  been  this  afraid
all  born  town  Christ
for  find  will  cloths
has  good  bring  manger
joy  Lord  David  people
not  news  great  Savior
you  sign  lying  wrapped

Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

of  the  ________.

in the ________ of ________ a ________

to ______; he is ______ the ________.” Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answer: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is...
Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the path that leads to baby Jesus.

Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

LDOG NCAKNRINEFSE RYHMR

Answer: Gold, frankincense, myrrh
Light of the World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way? Discover Jesus’ answer in John 8:12, NIV.

Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels. Then read the completed Bible verse.

KEY: A E I O

“__ __ M T H__ L__GHT __F
TH__ W__RLD. WH__ V__R
F__LL__WS M__ W__LL N__V__R
W__LK __N D__RKN__SS.”

J__ H N 8:12, NIV

in darkness." John 8:12, NIV
Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk
The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.

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Born king of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?” Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

Directions: In the grid below, draw lines by starting at the first number in each list and stopping at the last.
HAVE YOURSELF A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS