

# Together Time

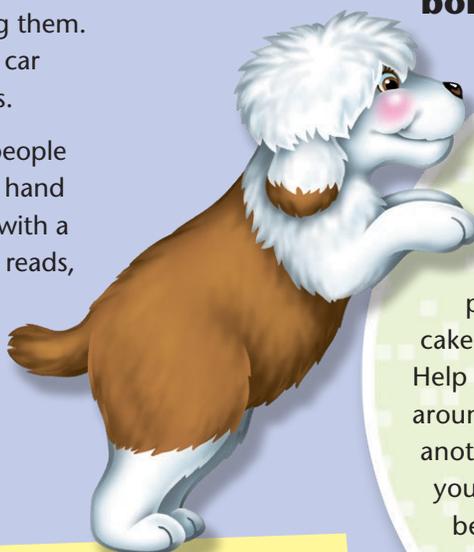
**A Special Baby Is Born: Luke 2:1-7**

## Family Talk

Just as Mary praised God for Jesus' birth, you can help your child learn

to praise God and be excited about Jesus' coming to earth. Teach simple songs about the birth of Jesus, either by playing selected songs from Christian CDs or by singing them. Sing these songs after dinner or in the car while viewing outdoor nativity displays.

Sing the songs for your neighbors or people in a local nursing home. After singing, hand out candy canes (which are J-shaped) with a simple note attached to each one that reads, "J is for Jesus. Thank You, God, for Jesus!" Remember to spend special time as a family praising Jesus.



## Bible Memory FUN

**Luke 2:10, 11**

Find this verse in a family Bible. Pick a road that is commonly used during the week and name it Bethlehem Lane. Every

time the road is traveled, say the Bible words together.

This week, help your child remember:

**We are happy and thankful Jesus was born.**

## Family Fun...

**Birthday Party.** Plan and have a party thanking God for Jesus! Make a cake or a special dessert as a yummy treat. Help your child make decorations on or around the table. You might want to invite another family or friends to celebrate with you. Sing songs together, praising God because Jesus was born. Hide a doll wrapped in cloth. Allow the children to go and search for baby Jesus.

## Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

Dear God, thank You for protecting Joseph and Mary as they traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Thank You, God, for the good news of Jesus!

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