

# CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT HOME

YOU'LL NEED: BIBLE, CANDLES, LIGHTER

BIBLE READING

Luke 2:1-20

### DEVOTION

Say: Christmas is the celebration of Jesus. Back in the garden, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, eating the forbidden fruit, man's relationship with God changed. It was broken. We could no longer be with God because of our sin. But God had a plan.

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Promise after promise was made about the coming Savior, the one who would take away the punishment we deserve.

Thousands of years later, when the time was just right, God sent his beloved son to earth. Jesus was a gift a love, a gift of grace. Fully God and fully man, Jesus came so that he could sacrifice himself on the cross, taking on our sins and giving us his righteousness in exchange.

His birth brought hope. Hope of forgiveness and eternal life. This is the hope that all believers have – that one day we will be with God for all eternity.

Christmas isn't just about Jesus' birth. It's about the gift of love God gave to us.

#### TALK ABOUT IT

How do you feel knowing that Jesus came (and died) because of his love for you?

How can you celebrate Jesus' birth today and everyday?

# CANDELIGHT PRAISE

Sing Silent Night by candlelight.

# **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

Pray together, thanking and praising God for His gift of grace, Jesus.