

F I R S T Christmas Card @HfHOME Prayer Box

Supplies: Old Shoe Box, wrapping paper, anything that can be used to decorate the shoe box relating to Christmas

Christmas is about celebrating Jesus and being together with friends and family. We can't be around everyone that we love during Christmas. So each year we receive and send out Christmas cards to others that we know and love. Those cards are a reminder that we care about them and love them. God sent us a Christmas "card" in Jesus.

Ask: What are some ways Jesus is like a Christmas card? (He brings good news, He expresses love, He wants to be with us, etc....)

Take your old shoebox and wrap it with Christmas wrapping paper and decorate however your kids want to decorate it. Place the box somewhere in your house where it can be seen daily. As your family receives Christmas cards, place them in the box in the order that you receive them. Each day at your meal times or a set time as a family pull a card out of the box. Take time as a family to pray for whoever sent you that Christmas card. It can be a simple generic prayer or something specific for that family.

Parents take this time to let your kids pray too. Use this as an opportunity to teach them about prayer and lifting up others.

After praying for that family, ask questions like: do you remember the last time we saw this family, what's your favorite thing about them, what do you know about the family, or similar questions.

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