

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Isaiah, a prophet in the Old Testament, prophesied that a pure woman would give birth to Heavenly Father's Son. The scriptural accounts below were written more than 700 years before His birth.

Prayerfully pick a friend, family member, or ward or branch member. Secretly leave him or her a small gift, like a treat, thought from the scriptures, or a Christmas card.

Isaiah 7:14;

2 Nephi 17:14

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Isaiah 9:6;

2 Nephi 19:6

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Nephi saw in a vision the virgin Mary and baby Jesus.

Make a Christmas list of things you'd like to give instead of things you'd like to get.

1 Nephi 11:18–21

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Prophets testified of Christ's mission on the earth.
The scripture referenced below is an account by the
prophet Abinadi, who lived around 150 b.c.:

Make a Christmas treat, and give it to a family
in your ward or branch. Giving will help increase
ward unity and friendship.

Mosiah 15:5-7

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Alma prophesied to the people of Gideon around 83 b.c.

Give the gift of service to someone in need.
Invite your family to help you in identifying
the service you could give.

Alma 7:9-12

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Jesus Christ loves each of God's children and would never forget a single one. Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would be a shepherd and gather His lost sheep.

Spend time with a younger sibling, relative, or friend.
Read to him or her the Christmas story in Luke 2

Ezekiel 34:11-13

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Although Jesus Christ was perfect, He still needed to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness. The scripture below is an account of Lehi's prophecy, recorded by Nephi.

Give the gift of time by spending time with a sick, elderly, or widowed person in your ward or neighborhood. Ask him or her to tell you about a favorite Christmas.

1 Nephi 10:9-10

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Samuel the Lamanite prophesied of the signs surrounding the birth of the Savior.

Write in your journal what Christmas means to you and what your family's holiday traditions are.

Helaman 14:2-3, 5

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Before Christ's birth, the angel Gabriel visited Mary.

Gather family members and friends to go caroling around the neighborhood, or sing Christmas carols in your own home.

Luke 1:26-28, 30-31

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Nephi, the grandson of Helaman, faithfully waited for the Lord's coming. But the unbelievers wanted to shake his hope and faith. Nephi prayed and was given an amazing answer.

In your prayers, express thanks to Heavenly Father for the gift of His Son.

3 Nephi 1:6-13

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Finally, the prophecies of Christ's birth were fulfilled.

Jesus Christ gave us the greatest gift of all, His life. Show your appreciation to your parents by writing a letter thanking them for the good things they have done for you.

3 Nephi 1:15-16, 19, 21

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On the night of Christ's birth, an angel appeared to righteous shepherds in Bethlehem to proclaim the news of Christ's birth.

Make a resolution to be a happier and kinder person.

Luke 2:7-11

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We, as Christians, stand as witnesses of Jesus Christ every day of the year through faith and good works. The Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon give this witness.

Share your testimony of the Savior at the next appropriate occasion, such as fast and testimony meeting.

D&C 76:22-24

DECEMBER 24

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WHEN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, KEEP WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED IN YOUR MIND AND HEART, AND CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR ROUND BY SERVING OTHERS.

"For a few moments, may we set aside the catalogs of Christmas, with their gifts of exotic description. Let's even turn from the flowers for Mother, the special tie for Father, the cute doll, the train that whistles, the long-awaited bicycle - even the books and videos - and direct our thoughts to God-given gifts that endure."

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