



THE KING OF CHRISTMAS

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The star of the King of Christmas!
Where will we find him?



The heavens where the stars shine—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



The sky where the birds fly—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!





The waters where the fish swim—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



The fields where the beasts roam—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!





The tables where the rich eat—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!

The thrones where the mighty sit—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



The fort where the soldiers wait—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



The market where the merchants sell—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



The temple where the scribes teach—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



The star of the King of Christmas!
Where will we find him?



The manger where animals eat—
is the King of Christmas there?

Yes!



The cross where criminals die—
is the King of Christmas there?

Yes!





The grave where his body was laid—
is the King of Christmas there?

No!



PREACHING THE WORD

MARK 16:15



BAPTISM

MATT 28:19



THE LORD'S SUPPER

MATT 26:26-28



FORGIVENESS OF SINS

JOHN 20:22-23



The word, where he promises to be found—
is the King of Christmas there?

Yes!

Jesus is the King of Christmas!
Wherever his word and name are, you will find him too!





Families are little churches.

We pray together. We bring our sin and sadness, our joy and faith to the Lord our God. We read the Bible together. We hear Jesus' promises for us. And we forgive each other, because God, in Christ, has forgiven us.

This brief service of family prayer is designed to be prayed responsively. The leader reads the plain text; everyone reads the bold text. Even though your children might not be readers yet, they'll learn these words as you repeat them again and again each day. You could use it in the morning or evening—or anytime you and your children read this book, even if it's not Christmas time!



Christmas Prayer

In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A Child is born to us,
a Son is given to us.

Isaiah 9:6 NLT

All kings will bow before him,
and all nations will serve him.
He will rescue the poor when they cry to him;
he will help the oppressed,
who have no one to defend them.

Psalms 72:11-12 NLT

This is my only comfort in my trouble,
for your word has given me life.

Psalms 119:50 BCP

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



God is our loving Father.

He wants to hear our questions, fears, and joys.

Let us boldly offer our prayers for others
and for ourselves to God:

Parents, you might prompt your children's
prayers by asking questions like:

What are you thankful for?

What are you afraid of?

What do you want to tell God?

You might also pray the words of the Bible,
especially the Lord's Prayer, or the Apostles' Creed.
Make these words your own!

Heavenly Father,
thank you for giving us the light of your word.
It is the guiding star that leads us to your Son.
Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
so that we follow your word and receive your Son.
Through Jesus Christ our King. Amen.

Let us bless the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.