



Funtastic Family Home Evenings
Easy to Prepare! Fun to Share!

What I Would Keep in Christmas

(Ages ~ 5 and older)

PURPOSE

- To help family members better understand that the most valuable things at Christmastime are not things

MATERIALS

- Scriptures for everyone
- Paper and pencil for everyone

SUGGESTED SONG

- [“Away in a Manger”](#) #206 in *Hymns*



LESSON IDEAS

1. Begin by asking your family what they like about Christmas. Have someone write down all of the things your family says.
2. Ask, “Which things would you keep if you could only keep 5 things in Christmas?”
 - a. Help each family member make their own list
3. Have each family member share the 5 things they would keep in Christmas and have him/her explain why he/she would keep those 5.
4. Invite your family to discover things that were in the first Christmas by doing one or more of the following:
 - a. Read Luke 2 as a family.
 - b. Watch the video, [The Nativity](#)
5. Ask your family to name things which were a part of the very first Christmas:
 - Worshipping the Savior
 - Family
 - Singing
 - Gift giving (You may want to point out that the Wise men did not come to visit the Christ Child until several years later.)
 - Giving service to others.
6. You may want to share one of the following stories to learn what other families do to invite Christ into their Christmas season:
 - a. [More Than Lights and Bright Colors](#)
 - b. [Remembering Christ at Christmas](#)

7. Testify that the most important things at Christmastime focus on Jesus Christ and families.

ACTIVITY

- Think of someone in your ward or neighborhood who might be in need of service or lonely at Christmastime. Plan a family activity to do one or more of the following:
 - Sign carols on their doorstep
 - Take them homemade gifts or baked goods
 - Invite them to your house for dinner