Long ago Heavenly Father told His prophets about a wonderful gift that He was going to send to the whole world. That gift was His own Son, Jesus Christ, who would come to earth to be our Savior. Jesus would show us the way to live so we could return to Heavenly Father. The prophets looked forward with great joy to the time when Jesus would be born.

When angels told the shepherds near Bethlehem that the special baby who was the Son of God had been born, they felt great joy. They hurried to see and worship Him.

In the Americas, the Nephites knew He was born when the sky stayed light all night even though the sun went down. They too felt great joy and thanked Heavenly Father for the gift of His Son.

In our day we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmastime. We show our joy and gratitude for the gift of our Savior by following His example of giving love to others in as many ways as we can.

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IDEAS FOR FAMILY TALK
Talk about the many ways Jesus Christ showed love. As a family choose some ways to show love to others during December as a way to remember and follow Jesus Christ’s example.
GIFTS OF LOVE
Cut out the gift boxes along the solid lines. Write your own gift activity on the blank one. Fold on the broken lines, and then tape the lids down. Punch a hole at the top of each gift and attach string. Hang the gifts where you can see them. Every few days, open a “gift” and do the activity inside. Remember, you can give these gifts throughout the year!

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Speak kind words.  
Write a thank-you letter.  
Write your own gift here.