

FAMILY ACTION PACK
Week 3—Special Time
Gift Wrapped

You will need
1 roll of toilet paper
A Bible marked at Luke 2:11-12

Get Started

Wrap your children from head to toe in toilet paper (Or you can use wrapping paper.) (*NOTE: Be careful that they don't fall over and are unable to catch themselves.*) Keep them wrapped while you continue with the following.

ASK—*How does it feel to be wrapped up like a gift?*

SAY—Since you're wrapped up like a toilet-papered, Christmas gift, I want you to know that you are a special gift from God to us and we love you and are proud of you.

On the count of three, have them break free as fast as they can. Put the toilet paper aside.

ASK—*Do you know how the greatest gift in the world was wrapped?*

SAY—Listen to what the Bible says and let's find out.

Read Luke 2:11-12 from your Bible.

ANSWER—The greatest gift in the world was wrapped in cloths and laid in a manger. Jesus is the greatest gift of all.

ASK—*Do you know what the name Jesus means?*

SAY—"Jesus" means "He saves," and that's why Jesus came, to become the Savior of the world by taking the punishment for all the wrong things we would ever do so that we could be forgiven and have a way to go to heaven.

PRAY—Thank Jesus for being our Savior.

Family Prayer Requests

List prayer requests here:

After you're done, feel free to have a toilet paper fight or time your family to see who can pick up the most squares of toilet paper the fastest. Always have fun and even enjoy the clean-up!

FAMILY ACTION PACK
Week 3—Food for Thought

You will need

A special treat that everyone will enjoy
A Bible marked at James 4:13-14

Get Started

Let your family eat a special treat. For example, you could cook a batch of cookies or go to Braum's for Hot Fudge Sundaes. Then without telling anyone, time how long it takes them to eat the treat.

ASK—Who can guess how long it took us to eat? (Tell them who is the closest to the correct time.)

SAY—That was a good treat, but there's no way it could last forever.

ASK—Can you tell me something that lasts forever?

SAY—Listen to what the Bible says in James 4:13-14 about something that *DOESN'T* last forever.

Read James 4:13-14 from your Bible.

ASK—What did the Bible say doesn't last forever? (Your life.)

ASK—What did it compare your life to? (A vapor.)

If it is cold, take your family outside and point out the vapors as they breathe.

SAY—In the same way that the vapor is here one second and gone the next, our lives are like that too. Life here on earth is short and we all need a Savior. That's the reason Jesus came, to make a way to forgive our sins so that we can have a new life—one that would go beyond this world to heaven to be with God forever.

PRAY—Thank Jesus for making a way to heaven so that those who give their lives to Him can live with Him forever.

Week 3—Making Memories The Walmart Experience

Give each family member \$5.00. Then draw names out of a bowl to see who will buy gifts for whom. Then go to Walmart and split into different groups. Your job is to find a gift within the money you have to buy for the person whose name you drew, but you only have 30 minutes to shop. While you're shopping, be careful to avoid the other group. When you're finished go home, have each person take turns closing their eyes and feeling the object to see if they can guess what it is. This is a very fun and memorable activity and there are many lessons that can be taught through it.

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

NOTE: Some people increase the amount to \$10. This makes the game easier but \$5 (plus tax) is usually sufficient.