

Special Edition

Christmas Traditions

Any Christmas tradition is great as long as it is rooted in Christ. In our family our desire has been to create godly traditions that will center the day around Jesus and can pass that focus to future generations. Here's how we celebrate:

Christmas Eve—

Make a "Happy Birthday" Cake for Jesus.

Prepare bags with oats and silver, red, green and gold glitter for the Christmas Eve poem. (The poem is on the following page.)

Attend a Christmas Eve Service.

After sunset read the Christmas Eve poem on the following page.

Christmas Morning—

Wake up before the kids.

Light a fire and put on some Christmas music.

Eat a good breakfast.

Get your favorite drink—i.e., hot chocolate, egg nog, etc.

Read the Christmas Story from Luke 2:1-20.

Pray and give God praise.

Open gifts and remind your children that Jesus is the greatest gift of all.

Christmas Lunch—

Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

For lunch dessert, eat the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Cake

Important Note: My family is sometimes asked what role we let Santa play in Christmas. We tell our kids that Santa is a fun story. So, yes, we watch "Rudolph" and have some Santa ornaments, but we always tell our kids that it's just pretend and not real and that Christmas is all about Jesus. This is just our conviction about how we desire to raise the children God has entrusted to us.