



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

## About This Series

Christmas today is on a schedule. We plan when to buy gifts, when to cook the meal, and when to visit grandma and grandpas—all centered around Dec. 25. The first Christmas, however, no one had time to buy gifts, bake a pie, or even decorate a tree. It was totally unexpected. An unexpected trip, an unexpected baby, an unexpected place. In this series, we'll discover the fun and wonder of following God, even when He does things we don't expect.

## Memory Verse

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. **Luke 2:11**

### Dec. 1/2: An Unexpected Place

**Bible Story:** Luke 2:4; John 1:46, 7:52; Micah 5:2

**Big Idea:** Every part of my story is part of God's plan.

### Dec. 8/9: An Unexpected Invitation

**Bible Story:** Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-12

**Big Idea:** God loves every person.

### Dec. 15/16: An Unexpected Time

**Bible Story:** Isaiah 11, Micah 5:2

**Big Idea:** I can trust God's plan, even when I have to wait.

### Christmas Week: An Unexpected Savior

**Bible Story:** Luke 2, John 18-21

**Big Idea:** Jesus gave His life to save mine.

Jesus came at a time when no one thought He would, to a place no one thought to look, in a way no one expected. This Christmas, we're throwing a huge party in Elevate—and we need your help to make it the best party ever! Just like the very first Christmas was unexpected, this party has a twist to it: We're throwing it especially for those who have never been to church. We need your family to think of kids and families who don't come to Eagle Brook, and invite them to attend one of our Christmas services with your family. Here's what you can do:

### **Week 1: Your Neighborhood.**

Do the people who live next to you, behind you, or across from you attend church? Talk about a way you could invite them to join you next weekend.

### **Week 2: Your Friends.**

Do your friends come to Elevate? Use the awesome invitation we handed out this weekend to invite someone new to our Christmas Party!

### **Week 3: Your Community.**

Not everyone who influences your lives near you. As a family, think of someone who lives farther away who you could invite to watch "The Source" with you (or the adult service if they're older). Invite them to watch and talk about it this week!

### **Week 4: Show up!**

It's time for the Christmas party! A great way to invite someone is to plan to go with them. Who could you invite to join you at this super fun Christmas party?

