Why We Celebrate

First Week  **A Child Will Be Born to Us**  
Read Isaiah 9:2–6  
1. What do you think it means to “walk in darkness?”
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2. What is the significance of the names given to the child who was to be born?
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Song of Celebration: Away in a Manger

Second Week  **The Birth of Christ**  
Read Matthew 1:18–25  
1. How did the birth of Jesus Christ change the course of history?
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2. How did the birth of Jesus Christ change your life?
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Song of Celebration: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Third Week  **The Shepherds and the Angels**  
Read Luke 2:8–20  
1. How is being amazed different from being afraid (and why did that matter to the shepherds)?
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2. What amazes you most about the whole Christmas story?
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Song of Celebration: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Fourth Week  **The Visit of the Magi**  
Read Matthew 2:1–12  
1. How did Herod and the Magi’s motives differ in seeking Jesus?
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2. Herod feared the authority of this new king. Are there areas where you are apprehensive about the authority of Jesus?
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Song of Celebration: We Three Kings

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are a time to pause amidst the flurry of holiday activity and remember why we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Use this tool every week leading up to Christmas as a family—or individually—to focus your attention on what Christmas means.