

1. "God Bless America"

Each person will need their own scriptures and hymnbook.

Pass out cards to family members.

2. Sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" no. 339

3. Read 1 Nephi 13:12

Who is this scripture referring to?

Discuss the discovery of America.

Was divine guidance involved?

4. Read 2 Nephi 1:5-6

Discuss the reasons so many people have immigrated here.

What were they looking for?

Whose help did they have?

5. Read 1 Nephi 13:17-19

What battle is this referring to?

Why was the battle won?

Discuss those in your family or others who have fought to preserve our freedoms.

Why do they deserve our respect and honor?

6. Discuss the history of our flag.
(Enclosed)

How and why do we show our respect?

7. Sing "The Star Spangled Banner
no. 340

8. So far as I am concerned the flag of the United States is the flag of Almighty God. Old Glory to me stands for everything that the gospel of Christ stands for, because Old Glory was raised up because there was to be a restoration of the gospel. I cannot separate my flag and my religion. I would fight for my flag as I would fight for my religion. (*BYU Speeches of the Year*, February 20, 1968,

p. 10)
—Mark E. Peterson

I. Be Ye Thankful
 Gather scriptures, hymn books,
 "An Attitude of Gratitude" talk by
 President Faust, and a dictionary.
 Other materials for younger fami-
 lies are included in the can. Pass
 out cards to family members.

3. Look up the word "gratitude"
 in the dictionary. Discuss its
 meaning. Compare the word
 "thanksgiving".

2. Song #94
 "Come Ye Thankful People"
 Opening Prayer

4. Read D&C 59:5-7, and D&C
 98:1. Discuss what this means.
 How can we do it? Is it a
 commandment?

5. "Great men have always recognized the greatness of God and their dependence on Him and they have regularly rendered to Him gratitude and thanksgiving."
—Marion G. Romney

6. Read Mosiah 2:19-21. What are some of the blessings Mosiah lists and what does he say about gratitude?

7. Read Alma 7:23.
Is it alright to ask for what we need? What must we do?

8. Read Luke 17:12-19.
How do you think Jesus felt to be forgotten by the nine? Do we ever forget to thank those that help us/

9. Read the first three paragraphs of President Faust's talk "An Attitude of Gratitude". What are some of the "little things" we often take for granted?

11. Read D&C 78:19.
What blessings come to those with a grateful heart? What can we as a family do to increase our own "Attitude of Gratitude"?

10. Read Ether 6:1-12.
This must have been a frightening journey. What blessings did the Jaredites receive? Were they grateful? How did they show it? (verses 9 and 12)

12. Song #219.
"Because I Have Been Given Much"
Closing Prayer

FOLLOW THE STAR

Family Nativity Program

Pass out cards to family members.

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2. Helaman 14:1-9
Samuel predicts light during
the night and a new star
at Christ's Birth



1. Sing first 2 verses of
Hymn #202
"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

Read Matthew 1: 18-23
Christ is Born of Mary



3. 3 Nephi 1: 4 - 15
Though signs and wonders abound,
the wicked plan to slay the righteous
Nephi goes to the Lord in
prayer in behalf of his people.

3 Nephi 1:19-21
The night of Christ's birth arrives-
The sign is given and a new star arises.

Sing the 3rd verse of Hymn #202
"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"



4. Luke 2:1-7
The Angles Harold the birth
of Jesus in Bethlehem

Sing Hymn #208 - 1st Verse
"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"



5. Read together
Luke 2: 8-14



6. Read Luke 2: 15 - 20

Sing Hymn #209
"Hark The Harold Angles Sing"



7. Read Matthew 2: 1-11

The Wise men are directed by
a star to Jesus



8. Read or give in your own words:

The wise men did not come the night that Jesus was born as the shepherds did. They saw the star in the east and traveled far to see him. They arrived in Palestine from the east some time later - perhaps even months later. There is no account that tells us just how many wise men came to worship the savior. There may have been 3, 7, or 10. But how many came is not important, what is important is that there were wise men who came to present their gifts to the wondrous child.

We today should remember that
"Wise Men"
still follow the star.

Sing Hymn #210
"With Wondering Awe"



10. Share feelings of
Christmas -
a time of peace and love.

Sing Hymn #204
"Silent Night"



9. Christmas Faith

I do not try to understand the star,
Why it appeared at just that time alone

To light the path of those who traveled
far.

I only know - It Shone.

My humble mind can't grasp the
wondrous birth
Or why this child should bear that
holy name

Whence came those choral voices
"Peace on Earth"

I only know - He Came.

I can but strive his love to
understand
And seek the peace of mind his
presence gives

And day by day walk with him,
Hand in hand because I Know -
He Lives.

Ester Bird Coliber

Sing 2 verses of Hymn #201
"Joy to the World"

11.

It was Christmas time and a
small cast of youth were playing
parts in the Nativity.

A General Authority went up to
the cast after the presentation and
expressed his delight with there
depiction of the event.

When coming to a little boy holding
up the foil covered star that had been
attached to a broom handle, the boy
announced, "I had the most important
role!" "You did?", asked the General
Authority. "Yes, I helped the people
find there way to the Christ Child."

