



XP (EXPERIENCE PIECE)

Family Peace Plan

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The night that Jesus was born, the history of the world changed forever. The way we interact with God and each other would never be the same. It was the single biggest event in human history, and very few people knew it happened. Outside the stable where Jesus was born, people were busy with plans of travel, and worried about taxes. It wasn't until the angels appeared to the shepherds and made the big announcement that the world had an idea of Jesus' arrival: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.' " (Luke 2:13-14). Two lines spoken, and they were gone. Two lines summed up the single biggest event in our history. It's like God was saying, "Hey, before all of this gets started, before you figure out what's going on, there are two things I want you to know: First, God is a big God who deserves your attention. That's the glory part; Second, the point of all this is peace on earth. Peace between God and people. Peace between people and each other. This peace is for all mankind on whom his favor rests. God makes it a point to say, "All of this is happening because I'm pursuing you. My favor rests on you. You can be at peace because you know the great God of the universe is on your side, and wants a relationship with you." This Christmas season, let's turn our attention to a big God. And let's focus on peace—not just on earth, but also in this household.

TALK ABOUT THIS

1. How would you define peace?
2. How can our family focus on peace this Christmas?
 - a. What do you enjoy most about our family?
 - b. What's one thing we can do together to connect as a family?
 - c. Are there any stress points we can anticipate? How will we handle them if they arise?
 - d. How can we honor one another and promote peace?
3. As a family, let's consider focusing on peace with a 24-Hour cease-fire. For the 24 hours of Christmas day (or any other day), would we consider declaring a peace zone in our home, and focus on how great God is? If so, let's decide on a symbol to remind us that we are in a cease-fire. (Ex. A sign that goes on the refrigerator).