



Bob, Larry and the crew are gearing up for their Christmas special at the new VeggieTales theater. But things aren't going quite to plan. Larry forgets the Christmas tree, the food is more than a little unusual and Bob's whole plan isn't running on schedule. Bob begins to wonder how to celebrate Christmas when everything is going wrong. With a little help from Pa Grape and Junior Asparagus, Bob realizes that Christmas is always worth celebrating, especially during the tough times.

1 Bob worries about having all the right decorations for Christmas. What makes Christmas special? Decorations? Food? Or something else?

Decorations and food are a big part of Christmas celebrations. But the really important part of the holiday season is remembering Jesus' birth and spending time with family and friends. Make a list of people you care about and different ways you can share the joy of Christmas with them.

2 Jimmy and Jerry weren't happy with the food that Archibald brought. Sometimes, traditions from other parts of the world seem strange. Why is it good to try something new?

Other people have traditions that are just as important to them as yours are to you. Trying something new can be scary. But when you break out of your comfort zone, you may learn something new, discover something you like and understand more about a different country.

3 What does Messiah mean? Why is this word important?

Jesus is the Messiah, the chosen One. God set his Son apart for a specific purpose. The Bible says he was born to save us . . . and the world. When we believe in Jesus, we receive forgiveness for sins and are no longer separated from God. Talk to your parents about how to get to know Jesus more.

4 Sometimes things happen that we don't like, don't expect or make us sad. How can you celebrate or be happy during these tough times?

Even when bad or sad things are happening, we know they won't last. John 16:33 reminds us that Jesus has overcome all the problems of the world. We can have peace and joy, remembering everything Jesus has done and that God is with us. And that's a great reason to celebrate!

5 What are things we can thank God for this Christmas?

Make a list of all the many blessings God has given you. Go through the list together and thank God in prayer. List out God's promises in the Bible of how God consistently gives to us and shows his love and care. Make it a practice this Christmas to share with each other the things that you are grateful for and to thank God together.

6 What are ways we can give to others this Christmas?

Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox! By filling an empty shoebox with simple items like toys, school supplies and hygiene items you will bless a child who may never had the joy of receiving a gift. God wants us to be generous toward others just like He is generous towards us. For more information on how to pack a shoebox gift and where to drop it off during the National Collection Week, visit Samaritanspurse.org/occ



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