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that is faithful to you.

Psalm 51:10





**How can we take  
time to prepare our  
hearts for Christmas  
this year?**





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# HOMEGUIDE

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## Lesson 5.2



## draw it!

If you were going to throw a birthday party for Jesus, what would it look like? Draw a picture of it.

## journal it

Tell God what you're going to do to remember and celebrate Jesus' birth.

### THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

#### JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas, so we can prepare our hearts for Him.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Luke 1:39-80

**KEY VERSE:** "God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you."  
Psalm 51:10 (NirV)



## read it

Luke 1:57-80. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

## pray it

Write a prayer to God and tell Him why you think Christmas is so awesome.

## Next Week's Lesson

### THE GREATEST GIFT: JESUS IS BORN

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus is the greatest Christmas gift of all time, so we can give glory and praise to God.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20

**KEY VERSE:** "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)



## GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

### The Great Bible Skate

**Set Up:** Use tape to create a starting line on the floor. Print the "Bible Verse" cards on 8½ x 11 cardstock paper and cut apart. Each card contains a portion of the Bible verse. Place the Bible cards in order in the middle of the group and read them carefully with your kids several times so they can begin to memorize it. Today's Bible verse says:

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**Directions:** Once the kids have memorized the verse, place the "Bible Verse" cards on the floor about 15 feet (4.5 meters) from the starting line. Have the kids in your group line up behind the starting line. Tell the first kid in line to place one piece of wax paper beneath each of their feet. When you say "go," instruct that kid to "skate" to the Bible Verse cards, pick one up and "skate" back. When they return, they can set their card on the floor and pass their "skates" (the wax paper) to the next kid in line. Have the kids continue taking turns "skating" until each card has been retrieved. When all of the cards have been retrieved, the kids must race to assemble the cards in the order of today's verse.

Use a stopwatch or smartphone to time them. Stop the timer as soon as they have assembled the verse in the right order. For younger kids, assist them as needed in assembling the cards in the right order. Once the verse is in the right order, read it together several times until the kids have it memorized. Then, flip the cards over and have your group recite it from memory. Repeat the activity several times to see if the group can beat their previous time.

**Question:** What do you think it means to have a pure heart?