



Dear OLA Faith Formation Families,

It's almost Advent and we're excited to tell you what we're planning this year for families. In a season when things can get hectic and disconnected, we're going to **keep it simple**. We'll **help your family connect with each other and with God**. We're going to have a ***Connected Christmas!***

Here's what your family will do through 4 fun episodes:

EPISODE 1: Hear about an angel who delivered a special message to Mary, and then **connect with family**.

EPISODE 2: Learn more about the birth of God's Son and **connect with Jesus**.

EPISODE 3: Listen to what an angel told some shepherds—and what they told others. **Connect with friends!**

EPISODE 4: Discover what happened when wise men visited Jesus. Then **connect through worship**.

We're also planning to connect with families at The ***Connected Christmas Celebration!*** Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, November 28 from 3-4:30 PM!** To register to join us at our Celebration or to get a Family Kit even if you cannot attend our Celebration, use your smartphone and scan the box below, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/olaxmas> to connect to our Google Form. Complete and submit the form, and you are all registered! ...and it's free!

Wondering how you can be a part of ***Connected Christmas?*** It's simple. At our ***Connected Christmas Celebration*** (or later that week), you'll receive a Family Kit. The kit will feature 4 episodes that each include:

- a link to a Bible story video and Get Connected questions, plus
- ideas for fun activities your family can do together.

You can do all the activities or only a few. You can do them on the same day or one each day of the week (like Advent activities leading up to Christmas!). There is no wrong way to do these activities—the best way is the way that works best for your family.

We're looking forward to connecting with your family. May this Christmas bring blessings and joy for your family as you connect with each other and with God. ***Please be sure to register no later than Wednesday, November 17 so we have enough time to gather plenty of supplies and treats!***

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