



Birthday Cake for Jesus

This Christmas morning, host a birthday celebration to keep your entire family focused on the real reason for Christmas. Bake a birthday cake for Jesus as part of your celebration. (In our family, the cake is breakfast. The kids love that they get cake for breakfast one day per year!) Place a large white candle in the middle of your cake, representing Jesus as the center of our lives. Have each member place a small birthday candle around the perimeter of the cake, representing our lives revolving around Jesus. Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. Then, using the "Jesus" candle, light the smaller candles. After saying a prayer, blow out the candles.

Discussion questions:

- Do you think this is Jesus' real birthday? (Discuss why Constantine chose to celebrate Jesus' birthday on December 25.)
- How can we remember that Jesus is the reason for every season? (Brainstorm ways to make Jesus the focus of all holiday celebrations.)

