











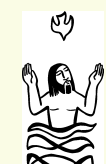



















# January




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**Roots & Wings**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><b>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> Thank God for the blessings of a new year. What are some new things you and your family hope to do this year?</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Take a family trip to the library or with an adult's help search the internet and find information on the history of the month of January.</p> 	<p><b>3 Thank YOU day!</b> Have you written all of your thank you notes for the presents you've received? And, thank God for all of our blessings.</p> 	<p><b>4 National Spaghetti Day</b> For tonight's dinner, help out in the kitchen and make a delicious spaghetti meal for the whole family.</p> 	<p><b>5 Family Fun Day AND National Bird Day</b> Today might be a great day for bird watching. Count how many different birds you see. Thank you God for birds!</p> 
<p><b>6 Read Matthew 2:1-12</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b> Yesterday, we celebrated Epiphany and heard about the star that the wise men followed. Tonight, look at the stars and imagine what it must have been like to search for the Messiah.</p> 	<p><b>8 Bubble Bath Day</b> Make a Splash in the bath tonight. Enjoy a relaxing tub of bubbles. Thank you God for clean water.</p> 	<p><b>9 National Take the Stairs Day</b> If you are out and about today, take the stairs instead of the elevator. Count how many you climb!</p> 	<p><b>10 Houseplant Appreciation Day</b> Plants help to give us fresh, clean air. Today, help take care of the plants around the house.</p> 	<p><b>11</b> It took the wise men a very long time to travel from Persia to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus. Talk about a trip you'd like to take with your family at dinner tonight.</p> 	<p><b>12 Family Fun Day</b></p> 
<p><b>13 Read Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b> Yesterday, we heard the story of Jesus' baptism. Have your parents tell you the story of your baptism. If you haven't been baptized yet, talk to your Pastor.</p> 	<p><b>15 National Hat Day</b> What's your favorite hat? Cowboy, beanie, baseball? Wear it today!</p> 	<p><b>16 Appreciate a Dragon Day</b> Today would be a great day to watch "How to Tame Your Dragon" with your family. Isn't make-believe fun?</p> 	<p><b>17</b> By our baptism, we are marked as God's own beloved Child forever and it makes us part of a great big family...our church family. Thank you God for your love and for giving us people who love us!</p> 	<p><b>18 Thesaurus Day</b> Good, great, wonderful! With the help of an adult, find an online thesaurus and type in your favorite word. See how many different words are close to your favorite.</p> 	<p><b>19 Family Fun and National Popcorn Day</b> Today might be a great day to watch a movie together and make some homemade popcorn! Try sprinkling cinnamon or ranch seasoning on top!</p> 
<p><b>20 Read John 2:1-11</b></p> 	<p><b>21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> It's a great day for the library or a trip online. Check out a book or article on this hero. God used his gifts to bring the world together.</p> 	<p><b>22</b> On Sunday, we heard about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus preformed many miracles in his years of ministry. Most of them were healing people. Thank you God, for the gift of healing and for all doctors and nurses.</p> 	<p><b>23 National Handwriting Day</b> A, B, C... today, practice your handwriting by writing a note or a card to someone special.</p> 	<p><b>24 Compliment Day</b> A compliment is saying something nice about someone or something like, great dinner, Dad, or Sis, you look nice! It's a great habit to get into.</p> 	<p><b>25 Opposite Day</b> What a bad day to celebrate...I mean good! Maybe you can have pancakes for breakfast and a grilled cheese for breakfast?!</p> 	<p><b>26 Family Fun Day</b></p> 
<p><b>27 Read Luke 4:14-21</b></p> 	<p><b>28 National Kazoo Day</b> Kazoos are a lot of fun! If you have one, play a song. If you don't search YouTube with an adult to watch a video about kazoos!</p> 	<p><b>29 National Puzzle Day</b> Puzzles are fun to do as a family. Make some time today to put together your favorite one.</p> 	<p><b>30</b> On Sunday, we heard about Jesus teaching people. Jesus teaches us how to love others. Thank God for all of the teachers in your life.</p> 	<p><b>31 National Art Day</b> Art is everywhere! Today would be a great day for the museum OR watch the sunset. God is the best artist.</p> 