

## **Shadow Figures**

Play with light and shadows to help your child remember elements of the Christmas story. Use the "together time" opportunity to talk about the hope Christians have because Jesus is the Savior God promised.

## You'll need:

- a camping lantern or small light
- construction paper and scissors (optional)

## **Directions:**

If you wish, before "lights out," allow your child to use the previous weeks' nativity cutouts related to the Christmas story. If your children use the wise men cut outs, remind them that the wise men traveled from far away. They had hope for a very long time that God would send Jesus. At just the right time, God sent Jesus to be the hope of the world.

Darken the room except for the lantern. Allow your child to move the cutouts back and forth, experimenting with sizes and angles. Encourage him to explain what each cutout represents and share part of the Christmas story related to that person.

For a paper-free twist, challenge your child to use her hands or objects in the room to approximate shapes and figures related to the Christmas story.