



# Hey Parents!

Here's what we're learning in the month of December

## The King is Coming (ISAIAH 9:1-7)

December 05

**Brite Idea:** God promised to send a Savior.

**Memory Verse:** Isaiah 9:6 ESV

*For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, **and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

Kids will hear the Bible story about the coming King. Kids will learn from the Bible story that God promised to send a Savior. Because of His great love, Jesus would make a way for us to be rescued from our sin and restored to a right relationship with God.

## An Angel Visits Joseph (MATTHEW 1:18-24)

December 12

**Brite Idea:** Jesus is Immanuel.

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 1:23b ESV

***And they shall call His name Immanuel** (which means, God with us).*

Kids will hear the Bible story about when an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. Kids will learn from the Bible story that God sent Jesus to be Immanuel, 'God with us.'

## Jesus Is Born (LUKE 2:1-21)

December 19

**Brite Idea:** God's Son, Jesus, was born.

**Memory Verse:** Luke 2:10-11 ESV

*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**"*

Kids will hear the Bible story about the birth of Jesus. Kids will learn how Jesus was God's greatest gift to the world and learn why God sent Him. The gift of Jesus is for us all.

## The Magi (MATTHEW 2:1-12)

December 26

**Brite Idea:** Jesus is our King.

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 2:1b-2 ESV

*Behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? **For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.**"*

Kids will hear the Bible story about the Magi. Kids will learn from the Bible story that Jesus is our King. God wants everyone to hear the good news of Jesus—we can worship and honor God by following Him and telling others about Jesus.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS:

Names are an incredibly important part of our identity. Positive and negative names, or labels, given to kids are found to be one of the reasons they act or behave in a particular way. Their actions reflect what they believe to be true about themselves. Those who follow Jesus are called sons, daughters, conquerors, servants and more. Are you walking in the fullness of this calling? There are so many names for Jesus: Savior, God's Son, Good Shepherd. Would your children know your beliefs about Jesus from the way you live and speak? **How does knowing Jesus' different names grow your faith in Him?**

## DISCIPLESHIP CONVERSATION STARTERS:

### **The King is Coming** (ISAIAH 9:1-7)

1. Share a time someone gave you a name you didn't like. What happened?
2. List names God gives to those who follow Him. How could those names help you remember to honor and follow Him?
3. One name Jesus has is Savior. What does Jesus save us from? As a family, can you name five other names Jesus is called? How about ten other names?

### **An Angel Visits Joseph** (MATTHEW 1:18-24)

1. What happened in the beginning, middle and end of the Bible story when the angel visited Joseph about marrying Mary? Did anything surprise you?
2. Immanuel, which means God with us, is a name given to Jesus in this story. How has God shown you He is always with you?
3. What name given to Jesus tells us why He came? How would your life be different if God, the Father, never sent Jesus, His Son, to earth?

### **Jesus Is Born** (LUKE 2:1-21)

1. Would you rather get a gift you need or a gift you want? Why?
2. If you had to choose only one gift for your entire family, what would that gift be?
3. God gave everyone in the world the same gift when Jesus was born. How is the gift of Jesus being born THE GIFT we all need? Who do you know struggles to receive that gift from God? How can you pray for them?

### **The Magi** (MATTHEW 2:1-12)

1. Share when you waited for something to happen. Was it hard to wait? How did you know what you were waiting for was about to happen?
2. The wise men, like you, waited. What were they waiting for? What told them what they were waiting for finally happened?
3. This Christmas, how did your family show others you were waiting to celebrate Jesus' birth?