

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



At Christmas, gifts are all around us, but we know the holiday isn't about the toys—it's about the joy of Jesus' birth. We might experience joy from opening up gifts, but God gives us even greater joy through Jesus. In this 5-week series, kids will learn all about the joy Jesus brought into the world. They'll learn that **Jesus is the savior God promised**, how **God sent Jesus at the perfect time**, that **Jesus brings joy to the world**, and what it means to say **Jesus is God's greatest gift**.

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 Jesus is the savior God promised.

Luke 1:26–38; Jeremiah 33:14–16

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for sending Jesus to save the world.

GROW

So what's your next step? Could you ask someone to help you know more about Jesus? Could you tell someone about Jesus and the promise he fulfills? Do you need to remember and trust in more of God's promises? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 God sent Jesus at the perfect time.

Luke 1:5–25, 57–66; Malachi 3:1–4

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for having perfect timing.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you grow to trust God's timing? Who could help you grow in patience? Can you start a conversation about trusting God's timing? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 Jesus brings joy to the world.

Luke 1:39–56; Zephaniah 3:14–17

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, ask God to help you bring joy into the world.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need help experiencing the joy Jesus brings? Can you do something that fills you with joy? Do you need to surround yourself with people who focus on joy? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 Jesus is God's greatest gift.

Luke 2:1–20; Micah 5:2–4

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, ask God to help you share about Jesus—the greatest gift.

GROW

So what's your next step? Are there past experiences that make it difficult for you to accept God's gifts? What's one way you can share the story of Jesus with someone this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 5 Everyone is invited to worship Jesus.

Matthew 2:1–12; Psalm 148

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, pray and thank God for making space for everyone to hear about and know Jesus.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you worship Jesus this week? Is there something that has been distracting you from worshipping Jesus? What keeps you from inviting others to know Jesus? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.