HEY, FAMILIES!

ELEMENTARY

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)



DEVOTIONAL: JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR

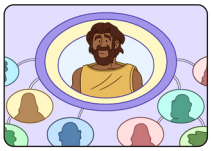
The theological truth that the God of the universe made Himself small is one of the most baffling and beautiful truths in all the world. The God who made everything willingly humbled Himself and took on human flesh and entered the world He made.

This is baffling because it is so beneath His rightful place as Creator and Maker of all things. It's beautiful because we are moved that God would love us those who were His enemies. God would love us so much that He would send His one and only Son into the world not to condemn the world but that through Him the world might be saved. Jesus lived and died for His enemies not just to make them friends but to make them sons and daughters. What love!

This is what makes Christmas special. The God of all, humbling Himself to show us the greatest love of all.

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THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS *(Matthew 1:1–17)* — Week 1



Family histories were important in Bible times. The New Testament begins with the genealogy of Joseph, showing that Jesus is a descendant of Abraham and David, just as God promised. His family wasn't perfect, but Jesus, born into a human family, is fully man and fully God.

Brite Idea: Jesus brings hope

JOSEPH AND THE ANGEL *(Matthew 1:18–25)* — Week 2



Joseph was engaged to Mary when he learned she was pregnant and wasn't sure how to handle it. An angel told him in a dream that the baby was the Son of God. They were to name Him Jesus because He would save people from their sins—the promised Savior.

Brite Idea: Jesus brings salvation

JESUS IS BORN *(Luke 2:1–7)* — Week 3



Caesar Augustus ordered everyone to return to their hometown to be counted. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, but it was crowded with no room to stay. Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid Him in a manger.

Brite Idea: Jesus brings love

THE SHEPHERDS SHARE THE GOOD NEWS *(Luke 2:8–20)* — Week 4



Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Shepherds nearby were told by an angel, and then many angels appeared and praised God. The shepherds went to find the baby, glorified God and then told everyone what had happened.

Brite Idea: Jesus brings joy

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FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
REMEMBER & RESPOND	*WONDER & DISCUSS*	*EXPLORE*	*REVIEW*	*PUT INTO PRACTICE*	*PREPARE AHEAD*
WEEK 1 Jesus brings hope. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** 1 Peter 1:3 Jesus' resurrection gives us living hope! How should we respond to that truth today?	Create a family tree going back as many generations as possible. Parents, use it to tell your family's story.	***LUKE 2:11*** Jesus was born in a real family at a real place. How is Jesus like you? How is He not like you?	Write "Jesus brings hope" on an ornament using a permanent marker. Let family members decorate it together, then hang it on the Christmas tree.	Look at family baby pictures! Parents, tell your kids what life was like growing up. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Matthew 1:18–21 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 2 Jesus brings salvation. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Romans 6:23 What is a gift? Do you earn it or is it simply given?	Look up the meaning of everyone's first and middle names online. Parents, explain to your kids why you chose their names.	***LUKE 2:11*** What does it mean that Jesus was born a Savior?	Send a Christmas card to a family member explaining why it matters to you that Jesus brings salvation.	Take a walk and talk about Mary and Joseph traveling 80 miles to Bethlehem. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Luke 2:1–7 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 3 Jesus brings love. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** John 3:16 Draw a picture of Jesus' love. Write words that describe the love of Jesus.	Set out or look at a nativity set. Talk about what it must have been like when Jesus was born.	***LUKE 2:11*** What do you think it was like for the shepherds to hear the angel say these words?	Choose five items from your home to give to a local ministry. As you gather them, discuss why showing Jesus' love to your community matters.	Have a Christmas praise party with Christ-centered Christmas songs! ***READ TOGETHER:*** Luke 2:8–20 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 4 Jesus brings joy. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** John 15:9–11 How is the joy that Jesus brings different from happiness?	Make a list of what brings real joy. Place it under your Christmas tree as a reminder of what matters most.	***LUKE 2:11*** Why do you think the shepherds shared this news with everyone they could?	Light a candle and read John 1:1–5, 14 together. Talk about Jesus as the true light and make a plan to share His light with someone.	Play several rounds of follow the leader. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Matthew 4:18–22 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?

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