



AT HOME

WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 11 & 12

REMEMBER VERSE Memorize Together

A child will be born to us.
A son will be given to us. He
will rule over us. And he will be
called Wonderful Adviser and
Mighty God.”

ISAIAH 9:6 (NIRV)

GOD STATEMENT: Jesus is God's Gift

Use this God-centered statement to help apply what your kids are learning. Instead of just hearing a Bible story and seeing how God helped those specific people, encourage them to look at their own life and apply the God-centered statement to it.

GROW DEEPER Discuss as a Family

Help your kids grow deeper in their understanding of this past weekend's lesson and prepare for next week's lesson.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK...

LESSON: Gabriel visits Mary

READ TOGETHER: Luke 1:26-58

DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- We have spent time thinking about gifts, including the greatest gift of all, Jesus. When you get a really special gift, what do you do?
- What did Gabriel tell Mary?

DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- What did Mary do after she heard the news from Angel Gabriel?
- Mary heard great news, that the best gift is coming, and that gift is Jesus! Take a few minutes and take turns praising God and thanking Him for all He has done for us.

NEXT WEEK...

We will continue discovering how **Jesus is God's Gift** as we talk about how Gabriel visits Joseph and tells Joseph some pretty shocking news. **(Matthew 1:18-25)**

GATHER Intentional Family Time

Life is busy and finding intentional time to gather as a family can be hard! How can you create intentional opportunities for family time in the following areas?

MORNING TIME:

Spending intentional time with your kids each morning can really prepare their heart and mind for the day ahead.

IDEA: *Put a small Christmas tree in your child's room or bathroom. Each morning, write a little note to your child on a paper ornament and hang it on the tree.*

MEALTIME:

Eating together is the perfect time to share conversation together and “check in” with each other.

ASK: *Go through the Woodmen Advent guide together as a family. Use [this family-friendly version](#) alongside the [adult version](#) to create good conversations that everyone in your family can participate in.*

CAR TIME:

We spend a lot of time in the car! Why not use this time to reinforce what your kids are learning?

PLAY: *Take turns naming the characters from the Nativity story! You can even take turns telling the story from start to finish. What's your favorite part of the story?*

BEDTIME:

Kids love routine and bedtime is one of the most familiar routines for kids. Take advantage of this time by reading a blessing over your kids as they get ready for bed!

BLESSING IDEAS:

“God loves you so much! This Christmas, may you remember that Jesus is the best gift of all!”

“May you remember the awe and wonder of Christmas and never forget that Jesus loves you!”

CONTRIBUTE Missions Focus

This month, all of our Woodmen Kids tithes and offerings will go to a special Christmas offering.

Starting this week, all of the money brought to Woodmen Kids from here until Christmas will go to support church planting efforts throughout Europe.

Explain to your kids how there are parts of the world where there aren't any churches for people to go to.

This is also a perfect opportunity to encourage empathy and talk to your kids about serving others. Start by asking them:

“What would it be like if we didn't get to go to church?”

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CONNECT Fun Opportunities

Forest Bend Farm
Join us on December 20th for an old-fashioned Christmas experience on the farm, exclusively for our Woodmen Kids families! Pre-purchased tickets required (\$10/person)

Baptism Class for Kids
Children (3rd-6th grade) who are interested in learning more about baptism or want to get baptized are invited to attend this class on Feb 6th at Woodmen Heights (during 11am service).

For more info and to sign up, visit woodmenvalley.org/kids.