



## AT HOME

### WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### December 18 & 19

#### 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 Joseph  
**READ TOGETHER:** Matthew 1:18-25

#### **DISCUSS (Younger Kids):**

- Who is Joseph?
- What did Gabriel tell Joseph?

#### **DISCUSS (Older Kids):**

- How did Joseph feel after he heard the news from Gabriel? How would you feel/react if you got news like Joseph got?
- What does it mean to trust? Joseph trusted God that He has a plan, although Joseph was confused at first, he trusted God. How can you trust God when you are confused at His plan?

#### NEXT WEEK...

We will continue discovering how **Jesus is God's Gift** as we talk about baby Jesus being born, and where Mary and Joseph take Him! Have a very Merry Christmas! **(Luke 2:22-40)**

## 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

**Christmas Eve Services**  
Join us at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, or 5pm for Christmas Eve services (3 & 5pm only at Southwest). Kids classes are provided for birth-K only.

**Christmas Day Main Service**  
Join us **online** for a special Christmas service. Click [HERE](#) to watch anytime after 4pm on Christmas day.

**Family Christmas Lesson**  
Visit our [Kids Curriculum page](#) for a special Family Christmas video and some fun activities to enjoy at home!

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