



AT HOME

WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 1 & 2

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: Mary and Joseph take Baby Jesus to the Temple
READ TOGETHER: Luke 2:22-40

DISCUSS (Younger Kids):

- Where did Jesus' parents take Him in Jerusalem?
- Who was at the temple? (Anna and Simeon)

DISCUSS (Older Kids):

- Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? What did you wait for? How did it feel to wait?
- Anna and Simeon waited for the Messiah, they had to wait for a long time. Jesus is God's gift; He is the Messiah. After they waited and saw Jesus, they praised God. Would you react like they did? Why or why not?

NEXT WEEK...

We will discover how **God is our Leader** as we talk about Moses and the Israelites journey wandering the desert.
(Deuteronomy 2:1-7 & 31)

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.

This is the final week of our special Christmas offering that 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

Join our Woodmen Kids Facebook Group!

We want to encourage you to join our Facebook Group and participate with others virtually. This is a great way to stay updated on exciting things happening in Woodmen Kids each week, and it's also the perfect opportunity to connect with other Woodmen families as well!

Find the link through our website:

woodmenvalley.org/kids-curriculum