



# JANUARY FAMILY GUIDE

## BABIES & TODDLERS

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(MATTHEW 3)

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**GOD PREPARES OUR HEART**

### JANUARY 13 & 14

DAVID IS ANOINTED AND FIGHTS GOLIATH  
(1 SAMUEL 16 & 17)

**BIG IDEA:** David was a little boy with a big heart! God gave him courage to fight Goliath, a giant, with just a sling and a stone. God can do things that seem impossible to us and help us have courage when we are afraid.

**GOD IS COURAGE**

### JANUARY 20 & 21

DAVID BECOMES KING  
(1 SAMUEL 16 & 17, 2 SAMUEL 5)

**BIG IDEA:** God protected David and kept him safe from King Saul because David was going to be the next king of Israel. God knew David would be a good king because He could see David's heart was good. God knows us and He sees our hearts!

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### JANUARY 27 & 28

ELIJAH THE PROPHET  
(1 KINGS 17-2 KINGS 2)

**BIG IDEA:** Elijah spoke God's words to the Israelites. God showed His power when He made fire come from heaven when Elijah called on Him. He was all powerful then, and He is all powerful now! He is the one true God and can do things we can't imagine.

**GOD IS ALL POWERFUL**



**KEY VERSE:**  
ISAIAH 43:2, NIRV



**GOD STATEMENT:**  
God Is With Us



#### MORNING TIME:

Before the busyness of the day begins, talk about what it means that "God is With Us." Spend some time in conversation sharing about how you see God with you. Put on "God With Us" by Jesus Culture and spend some intentional time praying over your family.



#### MEAL TIME:

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#### CAR TIME:

Riding in the car with your family could be a great time to have a scavenger hunt. Pick a theme, for example, "Things found on Noah's Ark," and take a couple of minutes looking out the window for things you would find in that category.



#### NIGHTTIME:

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**MISSION FOCUS:**  
Prayer for M4 Church  
Planters and Europe



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