

# FAMILY RESOURCES



## The Promises of God

### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY**

- Isaiah wrote about the coming Messiah.
- Micah wrote about the coming Messiah too.
- Everything God said about Jesus' birth came true.

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- What were some of the things the prophets said about the coming Messiah?
- How do we know they were true?
- How does that help us trust God in other areas of our lives?

### FAMILY LEARNING ACTIVITY

Make Christmas cards with your family. Fold heavyweight paper in half, or normal paper into quarters. Let your kids decorate with stickers, glitter pens, or other crafts supplies. Help them write a Christmas message and sign their names.



### LUKE 2:1-7 Mary and Joseph

### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY**

- An angel told Mary that she would be Jesus' mother.
- She visited her cousin Elizabeth, whose baby jumped in her belly!
- God gave Joseph a dream explaining that Mary's baby was from God.
- Joseph obeyed God and became Mary's husband.

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- How do you think it felt to be Mary or Joseph?
- Why is Jesus' earthly family important?
- What about being Jesus' earthly family would be hard? What might be easy?

### FAMILY LEARNING ACTIVITY

Celebrate Advent with your family. Find instructions for making an Advent wreath and read through a devotional. Light the appropriate candles and sing carols together.



### The Wise Men

### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY**

- Wise men went to Jerusalem to find the King that God had promised to send.
- King Herod asked the priests and scribes where the Messiah would be born.
- The wise men traveled to Bethlehem to worship Jesus.

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- How did the wise men know about Jesus' birth? (See Matthew 2:1-2.)
- How did the wise men show their respect for Jesus?
- How can your family worship Jesus together?

### FAMILY LEARNING ACTIVITY

Invite family members to talk about a favorite gift they received for Christmas. Explain that God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us. Jesus is the best Christmas gift.



## The Shepherds

### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY**

- The prophet Isaiah wrote about a Prince of Peace who would come to the world.
- Jesus is God the Son, who came to earth as a human baby.
- Jesus was born to bring peace between God and people.

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- Why is it important that Jesus came as a human baby?
- Why do you think Jesus was not born as a royal prince in a palace?
- How did Jesus bring peace between God and people?

### FAMILY LEARNING ACTIVITY

Take your family Christmas caroling. Spend some time learning additional verses to a few classic carols. Focus on songs that teach the whole gospel, such as "Hark, the Herald Angel Sings" or "The First Noel." Use this time to share the good news with others.

