

# Christ-Centered Christmas

A CHILDREN'S 5-WEEK BIBLE STUDY  
OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS



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# Merry Christmas

Dear Parents,

*I am so excited for you to begin this Christmas Bible study as a family. My goal for creating this Bible study was to help my family and yours dive into the story of Jesus' birth all December long.*

*This journal is designed to be a supplemental activity to add to your month of December. It's intended to be an intentional teaching time with your children to learn about God's Word and the birth of Jesus. It's designed to help kids read full scripture and to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Christmas story.*

*It's not intended to be an overwhelming task or something else to add to your plate this holiday season. There is an abundance of activities recommended in this journal. If some activities don't fit with your schedule, by all means, move them around or pick and choose what will work for your family. The most important thing is reading the Bible and learning about our Savior being born.*

*My hope is that you and your children will learn something new and grow a deeper knowledge and understanding about the birth of Jesus through this Bible study. Through the acts of kindness and fun Christmas activities, there are plenty of ways to experience the "magic" of Christmas together. I hope this journal is a blessing to your family and helps you grow closer together this Christmas season.*

*I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!*

*♥ Lindsey*



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# About the Author



Hello! My name is Lindsey Carroll, and I am the creator of Driven By Grace®. I am married to my best friend, Brendon, and we have been blessed with three beautiful children together – Easton, Aubrie, and Camden. Before you start this study, I'd love to share a little about my testimony and our family to help you understand my background and how I began writing Bible study resources.

I believe God put this desire on my heart to teach others about Him through my Bible study creations. I am a believer in Christ, seeking to know the Lord, His Word, and sharing what I learn with others. I am merely trying to obey the ideas God has put on my heart and trust that He has a plan and purpose for it all.

In October 2019, I left my 7-year marketing career to become a stay-at-home mom. I loved my job, but I had a nudge on my heart that I needed to stay home with my kids. After pushing that voice aside for an entire year, I finally decided to obey the Lord. Coming home was the best decision I made for my family. That first step of obedience led me to start homeschooling my kids, which then led to the creation of Driven By Grace®. The Lord graciously guided my family on a path that was better than any story we could have written for ourselves.

Now, I am blessed to be able to spend my time creating Bible studies for families. I started creating these studies to help my kids dive deeper into God's Word. I wanted a Bible study that was age-appropriate and covered full portions of scripture and not just verses here and there. I aim to help kids enjoy studying God's Word and learning about who He is. I want them to know what their Bible says by reading it themselves. These studies have been a blessing for my kids, and I pray they are a blessing for yours as well. To God be the glory!

♥ Lindsey



# How To Use This Study

## **I. PRAY FIRST**

Before you begin each lesson, pray together as a family. Pray that God will bless your Bible study time and help provide wisdom and understanding with the scriptures.

## **2. READ THE BIBLE VERSES**

Each day has specific scripture listed for the daily reading. Read the Bible verses first before you read the discussion. You want to be reading straight from God's Word to gain your own understanding through the Holy Spirit.

## **3. READ THE COMMENTARY**

After you read the daily Bible reading, you should read the commentary section provided. This helps build on what God's Word says and provides additional insight that has been gathered through studies and commentaries.

## **4. DISCUSS**

After you have read the Bible and commentary, you should then discuss the questions as a family. Each question is written to help highlight the important elements of the story. There is a discussion answer guide at the end of each week's lesson to help guide parents with the answers.

## **5. COPYWORK**

One sentence is provided each day that summarizes the day's reading. The copywork is provided for kids to have daily handwriting practice. You can choose to copy the sentence provided or open the Bible and copy the verse provided.

## **6. ACTIVITIES**

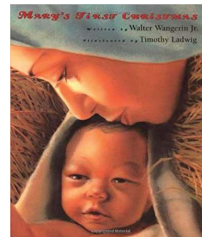
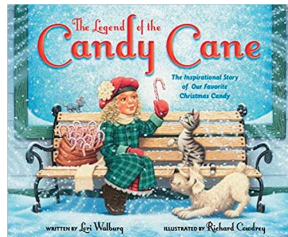
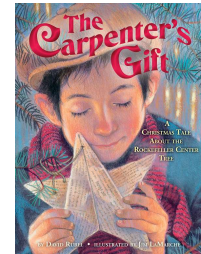
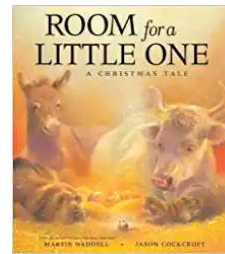
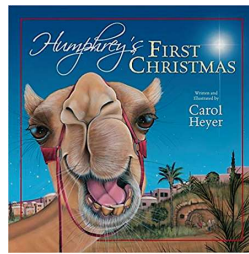
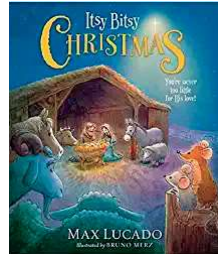
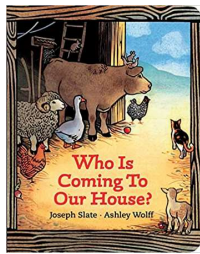
After you complete the Bible study section, your child should complete the fun activities provided such as mazes, word searches, crossword puzzles, and coloring pages. Your child can also do the activities while you read the Bible to help occupy their hands. Hands-on activities are provided for each week to help bring the lesson to life. Pick and choose what works for your family to make the most out of this Bible study.

# Picture Book Recommendations

These are fun picture book recommendations to checkout if you are looking for new stories to read to your kids this Christmas. Cozy up by the fireplace and enjoy one of these great books. You don't have to purchase these books to enjoy them. Check out your local library, or you can watch a read aloud version on YouTube. I hope you enjoy these! Scan the QR code for the saved list on Amazon.

- *Humphrey's First Christmas* by Carol Heyer
- *Room for a Little One* by Martin Waddell
- *Itsy Bitsy Christmas* by Max Lucado
- *The Carpenter's Gift* by David Rubel
- *Who is Coming to Our House* by Joseph Slate
- *Mary's First Christmas* by Walter Wangerin
- *The Legend of the Candy Cane* by Lori Walburg
- *Mortimer's Christmas Manger* by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman

Amazon  
Booklist



## Music Playlist

All of the songs recommended in this study have been saved in a playlist for you! Scan and enjoy!

Spotify



Apple Music





"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

*John 3:16*

# Week 1 Summary



## BIBLE READING

- **Day 1: Our Need For a Savior**  
John 3:16
- **Day 2: Prophecy of Immanuel**  
Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20-23
- **Day 3: Jesus' Family Tree**  
Matthew 1:1-17 and Genesis 17:19
- **Day 4: Zechariah and the Angel**  
Luke 1:5-25
- **Day 5: An Angel Spoke to Mary**  
Luke 1:26-38



## ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Day 1: Mail a letter to the troops
- Day 2: Give Christmas cookies to a neighbor
- Day 3: Make a Christmas ornament for a family member or a friend
- Day 4: Make thank you cards for first responders
- Day 5: Help with the dishes today



## CHRISTMAS FUN ACTIVITY

- Day 1: Attend a Christmas tree lighting
- Day 2: Bake Christmas cookies
- Day 3: Make Christmas ornaments
- Day 4: Read Christmas books with hot cocoa
- Day 5: Watch the movie, The Star



## SONG SUGGESTIONS

- Day 1: "Jesus Son of God" by Chris Tomlin feat. Christy Nockels
- Day 2: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" by For KING & COUNTRY
- Day 3: "Messiah" by Francesca Battistelli  
"Christ" by Poor Bishop Hooper
- Day 4: "I Surrender All" by Carrie Underwood
- Day 5: "A Baby Changes Everything" by Faith Hill

# Activity Ideas



**TIP!** Follow **Driven By Grace** on Pinterest for quick access to the activities suggested in this Bible study. They are all saved on the **Christmas Bible Study** board.



## NAMES OF JESUS ORNAMENTS

**Lesson Application:** Lesson 2, Prophecy of Immanuel

Download free printable ornaments from [drivenbygrace.com](http://drivenbygrace.com). Each ornament has a unique name for Jesus. Color the ornaments, laminate, and add as a decoration for your Christmas tree.

**Supplies:**

- Free printable ([drivenbygrace.com](http://drivenbygrace.com))
- Markers
- Laminator (optional)
- String to hang



## PINECONE ANGEL CRAFT

**Lesson Application:** Lesson 4 & 5, Gabriel the angel speaks to both Zechariah and Mary

This adorable craft comes from "Peace But Not Quiet" blog ([peacebutnotquiet.com](http://peacebutnotquiet.com)). Transform pinecones into angels. In lesson 4 & 5 we study about Gabriel the angel speaking to both Zechariah and Mary.

**Supplies:**

- Pinecones
- Wooden spheres
- Yarn
- Marker
- Sparkly pipe cleaner
- Glue gun or other quick-drying glue
- Scissors







## WEEK 1: DAY 1

### Our Need For a Savior

Start by reading:

John 3:16

We start this Christmas journal by understanding why Jesus had to come into the world. From the beginning, sin entered the world through Adam and Eve. They disobeyed God in the garden of Eden and sin entered the world (Genesis 1-3). Every person born after them would be separated by God because of sin.

However, God had a plan to save us all by sending His Son, Jesus, into the world to live a sinless life and to die on the cross for our sins. He loved us so much He wanted to provide a way for us to be forgiven and saved. Jesus came into the world to sacrifice His own life for our sins. Because of Jesus' birth and sacrifice, we can receive the gift of eternal life by believing in Him.

Throughout this Bible study, we will learn about the birth of the Savior of the world. Jesus was born a human just like you and me. He was a baby, dependent on a mom and dad. Christmas is more than just presents. The main reason for Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus, so we will learn about that!

**COPY** Option 1: God loved the world, so He gave His only Son.

**WORK:** Option 2: Copy verse John 3:16

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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does eternal life mean, and how can we receive it?
2. How can you share Jesus with those who don't know Him?
3. Why did God send His only Son, Jesus, into the world?
4. What is something you love that would be really hard to give away?



## WEEK 1: DAY 1

### Our Need For a Savior

Draw a picture of something that would be hard for you to give away.

#### TODAY'S ACT OF KINDNESS:

Write an encouraging letter to a deployed soldier this Christmas.

**Mail to:**

Laura Landerman-Garber  
Holiday Card Challenge  
PO Box 103  
Hollis, New Hampshire 03049

#### TODAY'S SONG:

"Jesus Son of God"  
Chris Tomlin feat. Christy Nockels

#### CHRISTMAS FUN:

Attend a Christmas tree lighting



## WEEK 1: DAY 2

### Prophecy of Immanuel

Start by reading:

Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20-23

Long before Jesus was born, God was giving signs to the people of Israel that a Savior was coming to save the world. Many prophets wrote about the coming of the Savior in the Old Testament. A prophet is someone that is used by God to deliver His message to the world. Prophets received direct messages from God about the future that they shared with the people.

The prophet Isaiah wrote about the virgin birth hundreds of years before Jesus was born. He said His name would be Immanuel, which means "God with us." The only way Isaiah would know this detail is because God spoke the message to him.

We see this prophecy literally fulfilled in Matthew 1:20-23. Matthew wrote about how Jesus' birth fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. Only God can see the future and predict it perfectly.

**COPY** Option 1: A Child will be born and His name will be Immanuel.

**WORK:** Option 2: Copy verse Isaiah 7:14

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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some different names for Jesus?
2. What does Immanuel mean? (Also spelled Emmanuel)
3. Is there anything God doesn't know?
4. What was the prophet's name who wrote about Immanuel?





## WEEK 1: DAY 2

### Prophecy of Immanuel

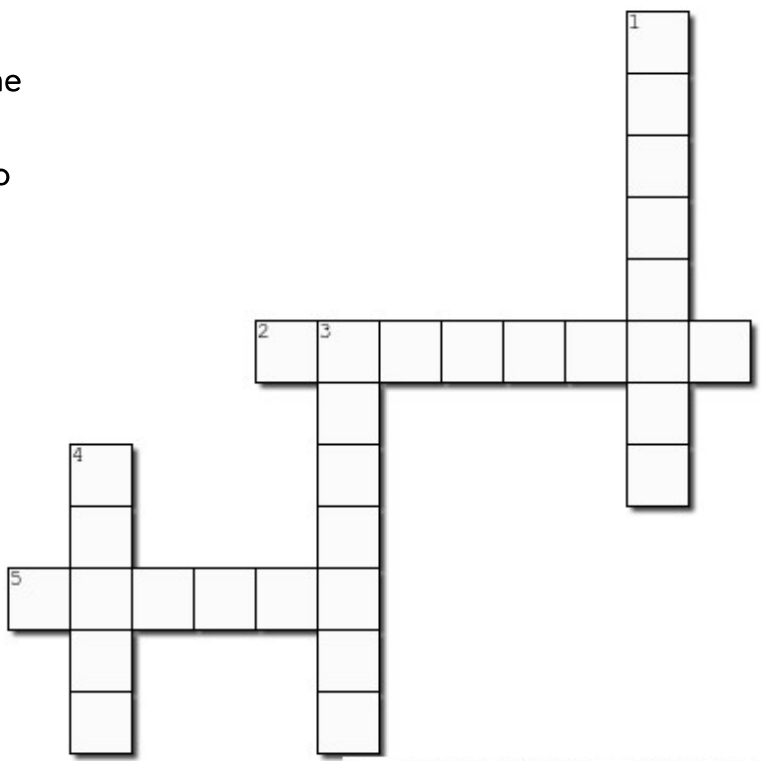
Complete the crossword puzzle. Words are based on today's lesson.

**ACROSS:**

- 2. What did Isaiah say would be the Savior of the world's name?
- 5. What is the prophet's name who foretold the birth of Jesus?

**DOWN:**

- 1. What is it called when God tells someone something about the future?
- 3. In which Gospel, do we see the prophecy of Isaiah fulfilled?
- 4. Who is the Son of God?



Down: 1.) Prophecy 3.) Matthew 4.) Jesus Across: 2.) Immanuel 5.) Isaiah

**TODAY'S ACT OF KINDNESS:**

Bake Christmas cookies and give to a neighbor

**TODAY'S SONG:**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
For KING & COUNTRY

**CHRISTMAS FUN:**

Bake Christmas cookies



## WEEK 1: DAY 3

### Jesus' Family Tree

Start by reading:

**Matthew 1:1-17 and Genesis 17:19**

In Genesis 17, God promised Abraham that He was going to make an everlasting covenant with his offspring, and through that offspring would come Jesus. God promised that the Messiah would be born from the genealogy of both Abraham and David. Whoever was born had to be able to trace their family history back to David and Abraham to fulfill God's promise.

There are two genealogies of Jesus in the Bible: Matthew 1 and Luke 3. Matthew lists the family history of Joseph through the kingly line of David by his son, Solomon. Joseph is not the biological father of Jesus, but he is the legal father through adoption. This means that Jesus is Joseph's eldest heir and puts Him in line for the throne.

Mary is also a descendant of David but through his other son Nathan, not King Solomon. Both Mary and Joseph can be traced back to David's bloodline, proving Jesus fulfills the prophecy and promise of God.

**COPY** Option 1: Jesus is a descendant of Abraham and David.

**WORK:** Option 2: Copy verse Matthew 1:1

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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

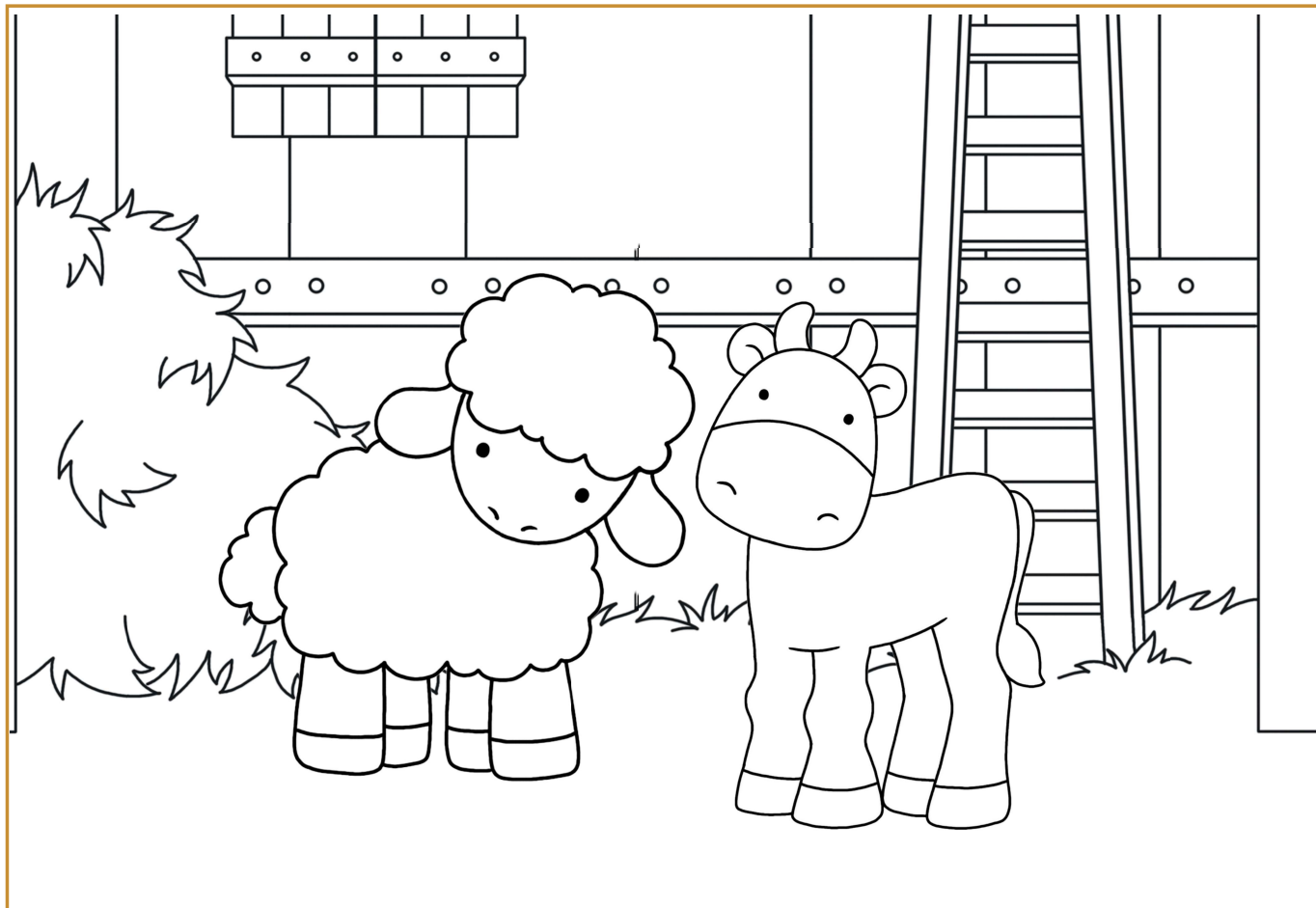
1. What was God's covenant to Abraham?
2. God always fulfills His promises. What other promises has God made that He fulfilled?
3. Which son of David did Joseph come from? Which son of David did Mary come from?
4. How far back can you list your family tree? Try to draw it out on a sheet of paper.



## WEEK 1: DAY 3

### Jesus' Family Tree

Color the picture



#### TODAY'S ACT OF KINDNESS:

Make a Christmas ornament for a family member or friend

#### TODAY'S SONG:

"Messiah"  
Francesca Battistelli  
"Christ"  
Poor Bishop Hooper

#### CHRISTMAS FUN:

Make Christmas ornaments



## WEEK 1: DAY 4

### Zechariah and the Angel

Start by reading:

Luke 1:5-25

Zechariah was a priest and was married to Elizabeth. Both Elizabeth and Zechariah were righteous people who obeyed the Lord's commandments. They were old in their age and had no children. Elizabeth was barren, which means she couldn't have children. In that culture, if a woman couldn't have children she was shamed and viewed as having disfavor with God.

While Zechariah was in the temple fulfilling his priestly duties of burning the incense at the altar, the angel Gabriel appeared to him. Gabriel told Zechariah that he would have a son, and his name would be John. His son, John, would be a great messenger for Jesus. Zechariah doubted the angel, so his consequence was to be silent until the birth of his child. Zechariah was unable to speak for nine months after that incident.

**COPY** Option 1: The angel spoke to Zechariah at the temple.

**WORK:** Option 2: Copy verse Luke 1:13

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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was Zechariah's job, and what was he doing at the temple?
2. Who was Zechariah's wife?
3. Who visited Zechariah at the temple, and what did the angel tell him?
4. What was Zechariah's consequence for doubting what the angel said?



## **WEEK 1: DAY 4**

### Zechariah and the Angel

Draw a picture of what you learned about today.

#### **TODAY'S ACT OF KINDNESS:**

Make thank you cards for your local first responders

#### **TODAY'S SONG:**

"I Surrender All"  
Carrie Underwood

#### **CHRISTMAS FUN:**

Read Christmas books with hot cocoa





## WEEK 1: DAY 5

### An Angel Spoke to Mary

Start by reading:

Luke 1:26-38

The angel, Gabriel, visited Mary to tell her that she had found favor with God and was the chosen one to conceive and bear God’s Son. She would become pregnant through supernatural means by the Holy Spirit. Mary was only a teenage girl, speculated to be about 16 years old.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph at the time, and they would soon become married. She would have to tell Joseph she was pregnant with fear that he would divorce her, or worse, publicly shame her and have her stoned. Regardless, Mary never doubted God and chose to be faithful and obedient to what Gabriel told her.

**COPY** Option 1: Mary was chosen by God to bear a son named Jesus.

**WORK:** Option 2: Copy verse Luke 1:31

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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How would you feel if an angel appeared and told you a big plan for your life?
2. How do you think Mary felt when the angel told her she would deliver the Savior?
3. What was the possible consequence for Mary if Joseph didn’t believe her?
4. Look up the word betrothed. What does it mean?



## WEEK 1: DAY 5

### An Angel Spoke to Mary

Complete the word search. Words are hidden across and down.

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**MARY  
SAVIOR**

**ANGEL  
JOSEPH**

**CHRISTMAS  
JESUS**

**IMMANUEL  
ELIZABETH**

#### TODAY'S ACT OF KINDNESS:

Help with the dishes today

#### TODAY'S SONG:

"A Baby Changes Everything"  
Faith Hill

#### CHRISTMAS FUN:

Watch the movie, The Star

# Week One Review

## DAY 1

**Why did God the Father send Jesus into the world?**

To provide a way of salvation for the whole world by believing in Him. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of the world. Anyone who believes in Jesus will have eternal life in Heaven.

## DAY 2

**Which prophet wrote about the Savior who will come into the world?**

Isaiah

## DAY 3

**Who did God promise the Messiah would be born through? Which family line?**

Through Abraham's descendants and from the kingly line of David. Both Mary and Joseph can trace their family genealogy back to King David.

## DAY 4

**What happened to Zechariah when he didn't believe what the angel told him?**

He lost his voice for 9 months while his wife, Elizabeth, was pregnant with their child.

## DAY 5

**Which angel spoke to Mary and what did he tell her?**

Gabriel told Mary that God found favor with her and that she was the chosen woman to have God's son, Jesus.



# Discussion Answer Guide

## DAY 1

1. **What does eternal life mean, and how can we receive it?** Eternal life means we get to live with God forever in Heaven. We receive eternal life just by believing that Jesus is God's Son and that He died on the cross for our sins.
2. **How can you share Jesus with those who don't know Him?** We can share about Jesus simply by the way we live. Loving God and loving others like Jesus did. We can also share about God with our family and friends by telling them about Jesus and what He did for us.
3. **Why did God send His only Son, Jesus, into the world?** John 3:16 tells us that God sent His only Son because He loved the world and wanted to provide a way for us to be saved and have eternal life with Him.
4. **What is something you love that would be really hard to give away?**  
Personal answer.

## DAY 2

1. **What are some different names for Jesus?** There are lots of different names and references for Jesus. Here are a few: Immanuel, Messiah, Lord, Christ, Lamb of God, High Priest, Savior, I Am, Alpha and Omega, Son of God, Word, Light, and Prince of Peace.
2. **What does Immanuel mean? (Also spelled Emmanuel)** God with us.
3. **Is there anything God doesn't know?** No. God is omniscient which means He knows everything at all times, past, present, and future.
4. **What was the prophet's name who wrote about Immanuel?** Isaiah.

## DAY 3

1. **What was God's covenant to Abraham?** That He would make him a great and mighty nation and make an everlasting covenant with his offspring (Jesus).
2. **God always fulfills His promises. What other promises has God made that He fulfilled?** He shows us the promise of never flooding the earth again by giving us the sign of a rainbow. He promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that they would be a great nation with many descendants, and He did that. He promised to provide a Savior for the world, so He sent His Son, Jesus.

# Discussion Answer Guide

## DAY 3

3. Which son of David did Joseph come from? Which son of David did Mary come from? Joseph came from King Solomon, and Mary came from Nathan.
4. How far back can you list your family tree? Try to draw it out on a sheet of paper. Personal answer.

## DAY 4

1. What was Zechariah's job, and what was he doing at the temple? Zechariah was a priest, and he was burning the incense at the altar.
2. Who was Zechariah's wife? Elizabeth.
3. Who visited Zechariah at the temple, and what did the angel tell him? The angel Gabriel visited Zechariah at the altar and told him that he would have a son named John.
4. What was Zechariah's consequence for doubting what the angel said? His voice was taken away, and he was unable to speak until his son was born.

## DAY 5

1. How would you feel if an angel appeared and told you a big plan for your life? Personal answer.
2. How do you think Mary felt when the angel told her she would deliver the Savior? Personal answer.
3. What was the possible consequence for Mary if Joseph didn't believe her? Joseph could have had her stoned for being unfaithful during their betrothal.
4. Look up the word betrothed. What does it mean? It means to have a commitment to marry someone.