



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel
Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

UNIT: CHRISTMAS

Immanuel means “God with us.” Before Jesus was born, no one had seen God. Jesus as Immanuel represented the perfect image of the invisible God. While He was here on earth, Jesus revealed everything that God wanted us to know about Him. He came to save us from our sin which separated us from God. When we are born again, God will be with us forever!

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Why was Jesus born?

Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.

KEY
PASSAGE:
MATTHEW
1:21

"She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

DEC 3

SESSION 1: ANTICIPATING THE COMING KING ISAIAH 11:1-10

CHRIST CONNECTION: *Isaiah and many other prophets in the Old Testament told about a King who would come and rule forever. Jesus is the promised Messiah. He will make all these words come true.*



Family Discussion Starters:

In what ways has Jesus already fulfilled some of these prophecies?

Which prophecies are we still waiting to see Jesus fulfill?

What do you look forward to most when you think about Jesus coming back to rule forever?

Family Activity:

Find a trustworthy charity that allows you to give gifts to children in need. Shop with your kids to find toys, clothing, shoes, or hygiene products. Wrap up the gift according to the charity's procedures.

DEC 10

SESSION 2: ANGELS SPOKE TO MARY AND JOSEPH LUKE 1:26-56; MATTHEW 1:18-24

CHRIST CONNECTION: *The baby Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy, as well as other Old Testament prophecies, about the coming Savior. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God's plan of redemption that God planned from the beginning of the world.*



Family Discussion Starters:

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they heard they would be Jesus' parents?

Who told Mary and Joseph about God's plan? (an angel)

Who could you tell about Jesus' birth?

Family Activity:

Read the Bible story to your kids as they act out the story. Remind your kids that Mary and Joseph were real people who lived long ago. Take it further: Use an advent calendar or wreath to count down to Christmas. Talk about how God's people had waited for the Messiah.

DEC 17

SESSION 3: JESUS WAS BORN LUKE 2:1-20

CHRIST CONNECTION: *The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from sin and to be our King.*



Family Discussion Starters:

What are some things about Jesus' birth that were strange?

Do you think many people expected the Messiah to be born like this?

How do you celebrate Jesus' birth as a family?

Family Activity:

As you exchange gifts with your family, talk about the difference between the world's idea of Christmas (be good to earn good gifts) and God's idea of Christmas (sending Jesus to save us though we cannot earn His good favor).

DEC 31

SESSION 4: (BIG TRUTH SESSION) WISE MEN VISITED JESUS MATTHEW 2

CHRIST CONNECTION: *The wise men came to worship Jesus as King. God promised to send a King who would be King forever. Jesus is the King who will always be King. Jesus is the true King, and He deserves all our worship.*



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 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. Help your kids gather old toys in good condition and donate them to a children's home.