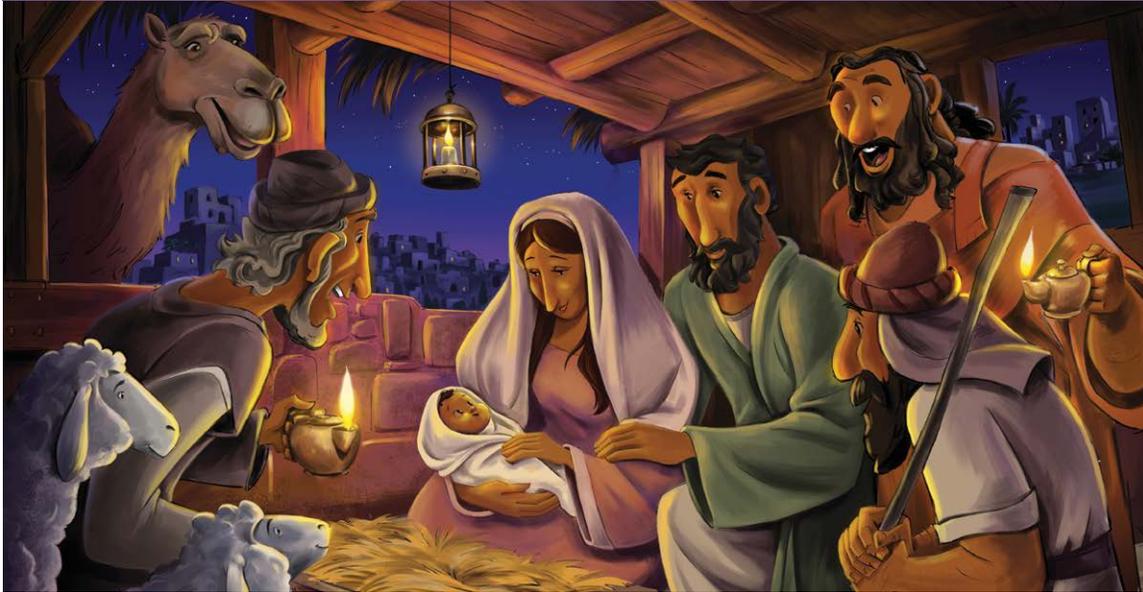




# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JESUS WAS BORN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

An exciting trend for expecting parents is to host a gender reveal party. Friends and family gather to watch the parents cut a cake, pop a balloon, or open a box to see what color is inside—pink for a girl or blue for a boy. No matter what color, everyone celebrates the fact that a sweet baby is coming!

When the time had come for God to send His Son into the world, the angel revealed the news to Mary and Joseph that she would give birth to a Son and His name would be Jesus. This was more than just a gender reveal; this was God's own Son coming as the light into a dark world!

When Jesus was born, God sent a host of angels to announce the birth to shepherds. They were the first to hear the good news that Jesus—the Savior—was born. The shepherds rushed to Bethlehem where they found Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus just as the angels told them. The shepherds shared the good news with others, and everyone was amazed! We love to celebrate the arrival of a cute baby, but the shepherds and all of creation celebrated because the Messiah had come!

**God kept His promise to send Jesus, the Messiah, to save people from their sins. God will keep His promise to save everyone who trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord.**

***Pray:** God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, into the world. Help us never forget how good this news is for us. Give us the courage to share with others that Jesus is the promised Savior who came to save us from sin and death. Amen.*



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John 3:16



## Family Worship Experience

SING SCRIPTURE

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## **Family Prayer Time**

### **Mornings**

Thank God for sending His only Son into the world to save sinners. Praise Him for the fact that this was always His plan. Think about how great God's love must be to send His Son to live with us and die for us. How should we respond to this love?

### **Evenings**

Praise God for first sharing the good news of Jesus' birth with shepherds. Shepherds may not have been seen as special in their own culture, but God loved them. How does the announcement to shepherds show us God's love? How can this help us see what God thinks of us?



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

If available, look at childhood photos or videos of each family member. Share stories of joy and excitement that came with each child coming into the family. Tell each child how much of a blessing they are to your family. Remind kids that Jesus' birth is good news because Jesus is the promised Savior who came to rescue us from sin and death.

### **To Serve**

Take the whole family shopping for baby clothing or supplies. Gift the items to an expecting mother in your church or to a local pregnancy center. Spend time praying for the families who will receive the gifts. Remind kids of the joy that came to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds when they heard the good news of Jesus' birth.



# Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

## JESUS WAS DEDICATED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 2:21-39 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Television commercials are always making big promises. A little lizard promises that a few minutes can save you money on your car insurance; a pink bunny promises that his batteries keep going and going. These are fun advertisements, but can we really trust what they promise?

When Simeon was an old man, he remembered the promise God had made to him. God had told Simeon he would not die until he had seen the Messiah—the promised Savior. But could Simeon trust this promise?

Simeon saw Jesus being dedicated at the temple, and the Spirit told him this baby is the Messiah. Simeon got to hold Jesus—the promised Savior—in his arms! Simeon rejoiced because God had kept His promise.

The promises we hear on TV or from others are often broken. While we're not perfect at keeping promises, we can trust that God is always faithful to do what He says He will do! The promises of God are always perfect, and there is no greater proof than the birth of Jesus—the promised one who saves people from sin!

**Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah who God promised to save people from their sins. By trusting in Jesus, we can be saved from our sins and, like Simeon and Anna, praise God for His salvation.**

***Pray:** God, You are the promise keeper! We can trust You to do what You say because You are faithful and perfect in all Your ways. Our greatest proof of Your faithfulness is that You sent Jesus just as You promised. We want to be like Simeon who looked to Jesus and recognized Him as the one who saves people from sin! Amen.*



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John 3:16



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask God to remind You of His promises and His ability to always keep His promises. How do the stories of God's faithfulness in the Bible help us trust Him now?

### **Evenings**

Praise God for the peace, joy, and hope we can have in Him because He is a faithful God. Thank Him for the examples of faithfulness you read in Scripture and see in your own experiences. How does God's faithfulness give us peace and joy right now? How does God's faithfulness give us hope for the future?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Make a promise like going out for ice cream or going to a movie that will be fulfilled later in the week. Throughout the week, talk as a family about what it's like to wait and how waiting might make you forget or doubt the promise. As you get closer to the fulfillment of the promise, talk about the joy and anticipation each person feels. Compare all the feelings of the week to what Simeon might have felt. Remind kids that God can always be trusted to keep His promises.

### **To Serve**

Take a flower arrangement to a senior adult Bible study group. Write the words of 2 Corinthians 1:20 (For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in him. Therefore, through him we also say "Amen" to the glory of God.) on a tag and attach it to the bouquet. If possible, ask a member of the group to share how they have seen God's faithfulness in their life. Remind kids that God always keeps His promises!



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## WISE MEN VISITED JESUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 2:1-21 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever been on a treasure hunt? Maybe you followed clues, searched behind furniture, under rocks, or in secret places—all to find something special at the end. It's exciting, right? You don't even know exactly what the treasure looks like, but you know it's worth finding!

That's kind of like what the wise men did. They saw a special star in the sky—a clue from God—and they went on a real-life treasure hunt! But their treasure wasn't gold or jewels. It was a baby—Jesus, the greatest treasure of all.

It took a long time—maybe months—but the wise men didn't give up. They followed the star until it led them to Jesus. When they finally saw Him, they were filled with joy! They bowed down and worshiped Him, even though He was still a little child. They gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—expensive gifts fit for a king.

Why did the wise men worship Jesus? Because they knew He wasn't just any child. Jesus is the King of kings! He came to save people and bring them back to God. You may not have gold or fancy gifts to give Jesus, but you can give Him your heart. You can worship Him by praying, singing, helping others, and obeying His Word. Like the wise men, you can seek Jesus every day and show Him how much you love Him.

**The wise men worshiped Jesus as the Messiah and gave Him valuable gifts. Jesus gave His life for us when He died on the cross for our sins. Jesus is worthy of all worship.**

***Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to be our King and Savior. Help us seek You every day and worship You with all our hearts. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask God to help you seek Jesus today, like the wise men did. Pray for a heart that worships Him in everything you do—your words, actions, and choices.

### **Evenings**

Thank Jesus for being the greatest treasure. Ask Him to help you follow Him with all your heart and rest in His love and care tonight.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Reenact the journey of the wise men by going on a “treasure hunt” through your home (or backyard), following paper star cutouts that lead to a special surprise representing Jesus. Hide the stars throughout the home, each one leading closer to the treasure. At the final stop, congratulate the kids on finding the “treasure” and read Matthew 2:1–12 together.

### **To Serve**

Work together as a family to make small “blessing bags” for people in need. These could include snacks, hygiene items (like toothbrushes or soap), socks, or encouraging notes. Explain that when we give to others, we’re honoring Jesus—just like the wise men did. Encourage kids to decorate gift tags with drawings of stars and write Jesus loves you! or A gift for you because Jesus is our greatest gift!



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JESUS AT THE TEMPLE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 2:40-52 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Antonio Stradivari was one of the most famous violin makers in history, and his violins are priceless treasures today. During World War II, one of these priceless violins was lost in all the chaos. For more than 30 years, this violin was missing until it was found hidden away in a trunk in a European attic! The violin was restored and played again, bringing music and joy after being silent for decades.

In this week's Bible story, Joseph and Mary also temporarily lost a precious treasure. Only they didn't misplace a violin; they lost sight of Jesus! When Jesus was 12 years old, His family traveled to Jerusalem for a big celebration called Passover. When it was time to return home, Mary and Joseph did not realize that Jesus had stayed behind in the temple. When they returned to Jerusalem to find Him, they found Jesus sitting with the teachers, listening and asking questions. Everyone was amazed by how much Jesus understood and how wise His answers were! Jesus told His earthly parents, "Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?"

The story of Jesus at the temple shows us that from a young age, Jesus knew He was sent to bring people hope and new life. Jesus' death and resurrection make it possible for Christians to be close to God forever—like Jesus is close to His Father.

**Jesus obeyed God, His heavenly Father, His entire life and followed His plan. It was God the Father's plan that Jesus would die on a cross for our sins and rise again so that those who believe in Him could have eternal life.**

***Pray:** Dear Jesus, help us follow Your example of obeying God. Teach us to listen, learn, and follow God's ways every day. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask God to help you obey Him today, even when it feels hard. Pray for a heart that listens and wants to follow God's ways.

### **Evenings**

Thank God for helping you obey Him today. Ask Him to forgive you for the ways you sinned today and to help you keep growing closer to Him each day.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Encourage family members to ask and answer thoughtful questions about God, like Jesus did at the temple. Have each family member write down 2–3 questions about God, faith, or the Bible on slips of paper and put them in a box. These can be questions they've wondered about or want to learn more about. Take turns drawing a question from the box. Give time for each person to try and answer the question or share what they think. If no one knows the answer, commit to looking it up together later. Remind kids that it's good to ask questions and to seek to know more about God so that we can obey and honor Him.

### **To Serve**

Collect gently used children's Bibles, Bible storybooks, or Christian books from your church, family, or friends. If possible, buy a few new ones. Find a local community center, children's hospital, or shelter that might need these resources. Remind kids that sharing God's Word helps others learn and grow, like Jesus did in the temple.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JOHN'S MINISTRY BEGAN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:2-8; Luke 3:1-18; and John 1:6-8,15,19-28 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

No pilot would just jump in a plane and take off. Before they fly a plane, pilots have a special checklist—a list of important things to check to make sure the plane is safe and ready for the flight. Pilots check the engines, the fuel, the controls, and more. Every step is necessary to make sure they are prepared to fly.

John the Baptist wore simple clothes and ate simple food, but his message was very powerful. He told people to “repent,” which means to turn away from doing wrong and turn toward God. John’s message was like a checklist for our hearts. He helped people prepare and make sure their hearts were ready for Jesus—checking for anything that might get in the way of recognizing Him as the promised Messiah.

John’s message reminds us to get our hearts ready for Jesus. But no one can prepare perfectly on their own—because we all sin and do things that separate us from God. That’s why Jesus came! He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins and rose again to give us new life if we repent and believe in Him.

**John prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repent of their sins. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, we will be saved.**

***Pray:** Dear God, thank You for sending John to help people get ready for Jesus. Help us turn away from sin and follow You with all our hearts. Amen.*



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John 1:14



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask God to help you recognize when you need to repent—to say you're sorry and turn away from sin. Pray for a heart that is ready and eager to follow Jesus today.

### **Evenings**

Thank God for His forgiveness when you choose to sin. Thank Him for sending Jesus to pay the price for our sin and offer us forgiveness when we put our trust in Him.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Create an obstacle course in the living room or outside. Be sure there are several obstacles scattered along the path. Divide the family into two teams and explain the goal of the race is to remove the obstacles as quickly as possible. Each player runs part of the course, removes one obstacle, and then tags the next runner to do the same until all obstacles are removed. Remind kids that God gave John the Baptist a special mission to prepare the way for Jesus.

### **To Serve**

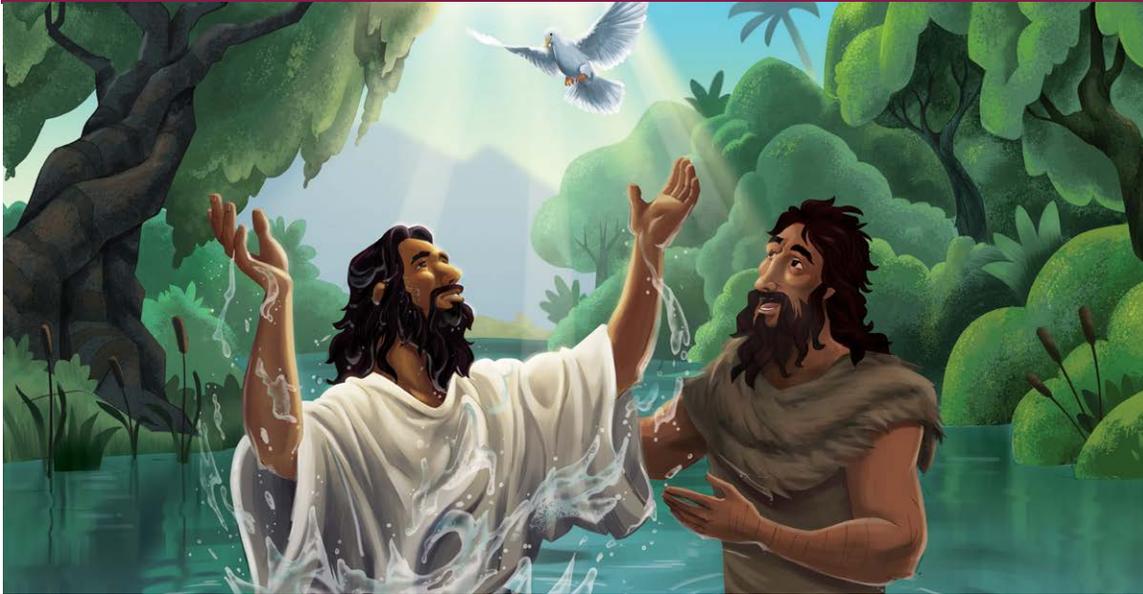
Use white paper sacks and battery-operated tealights to create lanterns. During the day, use chalk to write Bible verses or encouraging phrases like Jesus loves you on the sidewalk or driveway. Line the lanterns around the writings and invite neighbors to walk through the pathway that evening. Share the message that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness and people can find hope and guidance in Him.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

# JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; and Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. The Bible tells us that anyone who believes these truths about Jesus and confesses that He is Lord will be saved. The Bible also says that those who believe should demonstrate their faith in Jesus by being baptized.

Baptism is a beautiful picture of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Baptism symbolizes a person's faith in Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for their sin and how His death was the punishment that should've been our own. As the person is lowered in the water, they are showing that Jesus' death was a substitute for their own.

As the person is raised up out of the water, it symbolizes that Jesus' resurrection guarantees eternal life for all who believe. Just as their sinful life is buried with Christ, the person raised from the water is showing that Jesus has given them new life! Baptism is an outward expression of how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus brings new life to all who believe in Him!

**Jesus obeyed His Father by being baptized. Later in life, He obeyed His Father by dying on a cross for our sins and rising again, so that all who trust in Him will receive eternal life.**

***Pray:** Jesus, You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Help us understand that faith in Your life, death, and resurrection is the only way to have eternal life. Amen.*



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## **Family Prayer Time**

### **Mornings**

Take time to think about the symbolism of baptism and the story it tells about Jesus. Thank Jesus for living a perfect life to be our righteousness and for dying on the cross to be our substitute. Thank Him for rising again to show us that we too can have eternal life in Him.

### **Evenings**

Ask God to show you ways you can publicly share your faith with others. Like baptism is a public way of identifying with Christ, think about how your words and actions can point others to Jesus. How is baptism a way of publicly declaring our faith in Jesus? How can our words and actions declare our faith and point others to Jesus?



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

Share your baptism story with your kids or invite a family member to share their experience. Show pictures of this special time if any are available. Take time to talk with your kids about what it means to believe in Jesus, the symbolism of baptism, and answer any questions they may have about how they can be baptized at your church.

### **To Serve**

If your church has a regular baptism service, volunteer as a family to help with the service. Take pictures, pass out towels, or pray with those being baptized before the service. Remind kids of the symbolism in baptism that reminds us of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



# Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

## JESUS WAS TEMPTED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; and Luke 4:1-14 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever been drawn by the smell of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies? In 2003, the Immaculate Baking Company of North Carolina created a giant outdoor oven and baked the world's biggest cookie. The chocolate-chip monstrosity stretched 102 feet wide and weighed more than 40,000 pounds! Can you imagine how big that temptation must have been?

We have all given in to temptations that cause us to sin. It might be the temptation to eat a cookie when Mom said to wait, or it could be the temptation to play a few more minutes of video games when we are supposed to turn off our devices. As hard as we might try, we all fall into the temptation to sin. That's why we need Jesus!

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, Jesus used the Word of God to do battle with the enemy. Jesus did not give in, and He remained perfect and righteous. The Word of God—the Bible—can help us avoid sin and flee from temptation, but we have an even greater defense. The Gospel of John says that Jesus is the Word made flesh. All who believe in Jesus have been set free from the power of sin and given the power to say no to temptation. Jesus is the perfect, righteous Savior who came to battle sin and defeat it for good!

**Like us, Jesus experienced temptation. But unlike us, Jesus never sinned. When we repent and believe Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose again, God credits us with Jesus' perfect life.**

***Pray:** Jesus, You are the Word who came to live with people. You used God's Word to overcome Satan's temptations, and now we see that You are the Word whose sacrifice has defeated sin forever. When we face temptation, help us look to You as our rescue from sin and our source of power to say no to sin. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### Mornings

Ask Jesus to guard you against temptation today. Ask for His power to stand against sin and for His forgiveness when you make wrong choices. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit help believers battle temptation?

### Evenings

Thank God for His Word—the Bible—which teaches us how much He loves us and wants us to obey Him. Thank Him for the wisdom the Bible gives to help us battle against sin. Most of all, thank Him for Jesus—the hero of the Bible—who offers forgiveness of sin to all who believe in Him.



## Family Activities

### For Fun

Bake chocolate chip cookies for the family. Allow each family member to eat one cookie, but set aside the rest of the batch to eat later in the week. During the week of waiting, acknowledge the temptation to eat the cookies. Talk with kids about how sin looks and feels enticing to us, but it always leads to consequences. Remind kids that Jesus has defeated sin and given all who believe in Him the power to say no to sin.

### To Serve

Work together as a family to create a Scripture mural of John 1:1-5. Each day, write one of the verses from John 1:1-5 on a large piece of paper and decorate around the words. As you decorate the words, talk with your kids about how Jesus used God's Word to battle Satan's temptation and how Jesus became the Word who conquered sin for us. At the end of the week, give the mural to a friend or family member to share the truth of who Jesus is.



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JESUS' FIRST FOLLOWERS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 1:35-51 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever played “Follow the Leader?” In the game, one person is the leader, and the rest of the group must imitate whatever actions he or she does. If the leader jumps up and down, then the group must jump up and down. If the leader clucks like a chicken, everyone must also cluck like a chicken. The point of the game is to pay special attention to the leader and mimic what they do.

Thinking about the rules of this game helps us understand what Jesus meant when He said to the disciples, “Follow Me.” Jesus was inviting them to walk with Him and watch Him teach people about the kingdom of God. Along the way, Jesus would also be teaching them and showing them how He is the Son of God. Then, Jesus would give them power and opportunity to share in the work of telling others about the kingdom of God.

One day, these followers of Jesus would have the chance to tell the world the good news about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. This small group of disciples led to hundreds of followers, and after Jesus’ resurrection the number of believers grew into the thousands! Today, there are billions of people who have accepted the invitation to believe in Jesus and follow Him!

**Jesus still calls people to follow Him today as His disciples. Everyone who repents and trusts that Jesus died and rose again for their sins is His disciple. Jesus is worth following, no matter what we have to leave behind.**

***Pray:** Jesus, You are the Son of God. You are the King who lived a perfect life, died as a sacrifice for sin, and rose again as the King above all kings. Help us believe in this good news and to share it with the world who needs to hear it. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Think about the invitation Jesus gives when He says, “Follow Me.” Ask Him to give you courage to accept the invitation and strength to continue following Him even when it’s difficult. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How does accepting His invitation change our priorities?

### **Evenings**

Praise God for the promise that when we share the gospel and teach others from His Word, it always fulfills His purposes. The Bible is powerful, and the truth of Jesus can change lives. Pray for those who have never heard, and for those who have never believed, to be changed by the power of the gospel.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Host a family dance party. Call out the name of a family member to show off their unique dance moves and have the rest of the family imitate those moves. Allow each family member to lead the dance party at least once. Talk with kids about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Remind them that it begins with faith in Him and leads us to a mission of telling others about Him.

### **To Serve**

Pray for unreached people groups around the world. Pray for the people, for missionaries who are attempting to reach those people, and for the good news of Jesus to be revealed to all these groups of people.



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 2:1-11 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever seen a caterpillar turn into a butterfly? At first, it's just a little bug crawling along leaves. But then it wraps itself in a cocoon, and something amazing happens. After some time, it comes out completely different—bright, beautiful, and able to fly! It's not just a better caterpillar—it's a brand-new creature!

That's kind of like the miracle Jesus did at a wedding. The party was going well until they ran out of wine, which was a big problem in those days. Mary, Jesus' mother, told Him about it. Jesus told the servants to fill six big jars with water. Then, something incredible happened: Jesus turned the water into wine—and not just any wine, but the very best.

This was Jesus' first miracle. He didn't do it to show off. He did it to help others and to show that God was with Him. Jesus came to save people from their sin and to bring new life through His greatest miracle—the resurrection. For those who believe in Jesus, they aren't just better; they are a new creation in Christ!

**Jesus changed water into wine, revealing His glory and showing that He is God. Like the disciples, we can believe in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus are saved from their sin and changed to become more like Jesus.**

***Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank You for showing Your power and love by turning water into wine. Help us trust that You can do amazing things through our lives too. Amen.*



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**You know that he was revealed  
so that he might take away sins,  
and there is no sin in him.**

1 John 3:5



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask Jesus to help you trust Him to do amazing things through your ordinary moments today. Pray for a heart that's ready to be changed and used by Him.

### **Evenings**

If you are a follower of Jesus, thank Him for the ways He is making you new. Talk to Him about how you saw His goodness today and ask Him to keep changing your heart to be more like His.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Set a pitcher of water on the family table. Talk about how ordinary it looks—just like the water at the wedding. Then, add juice concentrate or powdered drink mix, and stir. Watch how quickly the water turns into a completely different drink—something sweet and special! Read John 2:1–11 together and talk about how Jesus didn't just make better water—He completely changed it, just like He can change our hearts and lives when we trust Him.

### **To Serve**

Just as Jesus brought joy to a wedding by turning water into wine, your family can spread joy to others by creating and delivering small gift baskets to people who need encouragement. Fill small jars or baskets with candy, tea bags, or homemade treats. Write cards to let the recipients know they are loved and that there is joy in Jesus. Deliver the gifts baskets as a family to neighbors, homebound church members, or healthcare workers.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

# JESUS AT PASSOVER



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 2:13-25 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever had a messy room that needed a serious clean-up? Maybe toys were everywhere, dirty clothes were on the floor, and snack wrappers were hiding under the bed. Sometimes, a room gets so messy that it takes energy and focus to clean it up and make it right again.

That's kind of like what Jesus saw when He went to the temple in Jerusalem. The temple was supposed to be a holy place where people came to worship God, pray, and bring offerings. But when Jesus arrived, He saw people buying and selling animals, cheating others for money, and treating the temple like a marketplace.

Jesus was filled with righteous anger—not because He hated people, but because He loved God's house. He flipped tables, cleared out the sellers, and said, "My house will be called a house of prayer!"

This story shows us that Jesus cares deeply about how we treat places meant for worship—and even more, how we treat our own hearts. The Bible says that now, our hearts are like temples, places where God's Spirit lives when we trust in Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:19). He wants to clean out anything in us that doesn't belong—like selfishness, dishonesty, or unkindness—and fill us with His love and truth.

**Jesus showed His desire to honor God by cleansing the temple of sinful practices. All sin offends God's glory and will be punished. Jesus took the punishment our sin deserves so that anyone who trusts in Him will be cleansed of sin.**

***Pray:** Jesus, help us love what You love. Make our hearts clean so we can worship You with joy and honesty. Amen.*



## Family Worship Experience

LEARN SCRIPTURE

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1 John 3:5



## Family Worship Experience

SING SCRIPTURE

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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask Jesus to help you live with a pure heart today—free from selfishness, distractions, or anything that doesn't honor Him. Pray for a heart that's ready to worship, listen, and obey.

### **Evenings**

Thank Jesus for showing you what matters most to Him. Ask Him to reveal anything in your heart that needs to be cleaned out so you can grow closer to Him.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Choose a room in your home that needs tidying up, like the living room or a playroom. Set a timer for 10–15 minutes and have a fun “clean-up race” as a family. Play worship music while you clean. When you're done, sit together and read Matthew 21:12–13. Talk about how Jesus cleansed the temple of all the things that distracted people from honoring God and how He wants to do the same in our hearts so we can focus on loving and honoring God.

### **To Serve**

Volunteer as a family to deep clean a designated space in your church, like the nursery, the kitchen, or storage closets. Make sure toys are clean, clutter is organized, and spaces are free from distractions, so people are free to worship God and make ministry happen in those spaces. Talk about how important it was to Jesus—and how important it is for us—to have space where we can focus on God and worship Him for His goodness.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JESUS AND NICODEMUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 3:1-21 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

One of the most expensive cars in the world is the Rolls-Royce La Rose Noire Droptail, priced at approximately \$30.2 million dollars. This dark red drivable piece of art features a removable full glass roof and beautiful handmade wooden interior features. This is one fancy car! Could you afford to buy this car with your weekly allowance? I don't think so!

When Nicodemus came to talk with Jesus, he wanted to know how a person could receive new life. Nicodemus studied the Law and tried his hardest to obey, and he hoped this would be enough to afford eternal life. Jesus' response showed Nicodemus that no one could earn eternal life on their own because it came at a cost too great to afford.

This might sound like bad news, but Jesus gave us good news in the familiar words of John 3:16. In our key passage, Jesus said, "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

God paid the highest price by sending His own Son. When we could never earn eternal life, God has graciously given it as a free gift to all who believe in Jesus!

**Nicodemus was a religious leader, but he needed to be born again to enter the kingdom of God. Jesus shared how the Spirit causes people to be born again to new life. Anyone who believes in Jesus will be born again and receive eternal life.**

***Pray:** God, Your love is bigger than we can even imagine. You loved the world enough to send Your own Son to save the world and to give eternal life to all who trust in Him. Thank You that even though we have nothing to offer for such a gift, You have made it available to anyone who believes in the name of Jesus. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Thank God for allowing us to ask questions about faith and for giving us parents and leaders to answer those questions. Like Nicodemus, we might be tempted to think we can be right with God by doing enough good things, but God's Word teaches us that salvation is only available through faith in Jesus. Thank God for that gift!

### **Evenings**

Pray for people whose doubts or questions about faith are keeping them from believing in Jesus. Ask God to use the Bible and the people around them to answer those questions and help them know the truth about Jesus. How can we help those who doubt or don't believe the good news about Jesus?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Host a family gift exchange. Draw names and shop for gifts or find items to regift from around the house. Try to make the gifts personal for the receivers. After the exchange, talk with kids about how God has made eternal life a gift to all who believe in Jesus. It cannot be earned but is freely given when we trust in His name.

### **To Serve**

Download a copy of The Gospel: God's Plan for Me and review the plan with kids ([www.gospelproject.lifeway.com/resources](http://www.gospelproject.lifeway.com/resources)). Practice sharing the gospel with one another using this evangelism tool. Pray for opportunities for your family to share the gospel with a neighbor, a family member, or someone else in the coming days.



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JOHN POINTED TO JESUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 3:22-26 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Did you know the giant foam finger was invented by a high school student? In 1971, a teenager named Steve Chmelar built a giant hand out of wood and paper to cheer for his school's basketball team. Years later, it became the big foam finger we see at sporting events today, pointing high into the air, showing support for a favorite player or team.

That's similar to what John the Baptist did—except instead of a finger pointing to a team, he used his whole life to point people to Jesus. Some of John's followers were upset that more people were starting to follow Jesus instead of John. But John wasn't upset at all. He was glad! He said, "I'm not the Messiah—I was sent ahead of Him."

Then John said something powerful. John said, "Jesus must increase, but I must decrease." John knew his job was to prepare the way for Jesus—and then get out of the way so everyone could see the Savior. Just like a foam finger points to someone else, we're called to use our lives to point people to Jesus.

**John pointed people to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. When people believe in Jesus as the Messiah, they receive eternal life and can point others to believe in Jesus too!**

***Pray:** Jesus, help us point to You in everything we do, so others can know You and trust You too. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### Mornings

Ask Jesus to help you live in a way that points others to Him today. Pray for a heart that chooses humility and honors Jesus above yourself. How can you point your friends to Jesus today? How does loving them help them see His love?

### Evenings

Thank Jesus for the chances you had to show His love today. Ask Him to keep teaching you how to make more of Him and less of yourself. Where did God help you to see His glory today? How did you help others see Jesus today?



## Family Activities

### For Fun

Use poster board and other craft materials to make giant foam fingers for each family member. Cut them out and decorate them with messages like Jesus is #1!, He must become greater, or Point to Jesus! Talk about how John the Baptist didn't try to be the most important—he pointed people to Jesus instead. Share ideas about how you can each “point to Jesus” this week—at school, work, or in your neighborhood.

### To Serve

Ask friends and neighbors to help your family host a Bible club in your neighborhood this spring. Plan three or four Bible stories to share with kids, come up with lesson plans and activities, and designate an individual to start gathering supplies. Consider hosting the Bible club in a front yard or nearby park to help other kids learn about Jesus. Remind your family that this is just one of the ways we can point others to Jesus the way John pointed people to Jesus.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

# JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 4:1-42 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Did you know that your body is made up of about 60% water? And that you can only go about three days without water before your body starts shutting down? That's how important water is! We need it to stay alive, stay strong, and stay healthy. Without it, we feel tired, weak, and thirsty.

In John 4, Jesus met a woman at a well who came to get water just like everyone else in her town. But Jesus started talking about a different kind of water—something called “living water.” He told her that if she drank the water He gives, she would never be thirsty again.

Jesus wasn't talking about the kind of water we drink from a cup—He was talking about the Holy Spirit. The woman at the well had made some big mistakes, and she felt empty inside. But Jesus offered her forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Him.

When she realized who Jesus was, she left her water jar behind and ran to tell her whole town. Because of her story, many people came to believe in Jesus! Just like our bodies need water to live, we need Jesus. When we trust in Him, we receive new life that satisfies every need.

**Jesus pointed out the Samaritan woman's sin so that she could believe He is the Messiah. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin so that we might turn away from it and turn to Jesus to be saved. Anyone who trusts in Jesus receives the Holy Spirit and eternal life.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for being the living water our hearts need. Help us trust You and share Your love with others. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Thank God for the opportunity to worship Him anytime and anywhere. Those who believe in Jesus have received the Holy Spirit who is God living with us and in us. If He is always with us, then we can always worship Him.

### **Evenings**

Pray for people who do not have the resources to meet their basic needs—food, water, and shelter. Ask God to provide for those needs and for the greatest need—to know and believe in Jesus. How might a lack of water, food, or shelter get in the way of someone hearing the truth about Jesus? How can we help meet the basic needs of others?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Place a bucket full of water on one side of the yard and an empty cup on the other side. Take turns carrying water from the full bucket to the empty cup using a spoon or sponge. Use a stopwatch to see how quickly your family can fill the empty cup with water. Read John 4:14 together and talk about how Jesus said He gives us living water that never runs out!

### **To Serve**

Take a cooler filled with iced-down water bottles to a local park or busy shopping center. Offer the water bottles for free to people passing by. Pray that God would open the door for spiritual conversations with others as you give them this gift. Pray specifically that the people who receive the water would thirst for Jesus and come to know Him as their Savior.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-44; or John 12:12-19 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Jesus came into Jerusalem with cheers and celebration! The people had heard the great miracles of Jesus, and they believed in His power. The people displayed their worship of Jesus by laying palm branches and clothing on the road as Jesus rode into the city on a donkey.

The people shouted “Hosanna.” Do you know what that word means? It means “Save us!” The people were shouting Hosanna because they believed Jesus was coming to be their king and to rule over them with goodness and mercy. They were probably expecting Him to sit on a throne and defeat their earthly enemies—but Jesus is the King of kings. He is the King who had come to save all who believe in Him!

John 3:16 says, “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” This was the true reason why Jesus came—to bring salvation and eternal life for anyone who believes in Him. Jesus is the King who has come to save!

**Jesus cried because He wanted the people in Jerusalem to know that He is the Messiah so that they would be saved. God wants all people to turn away from their sin, trust in Jesus, and accept the free gift of salvation and eternal life.**

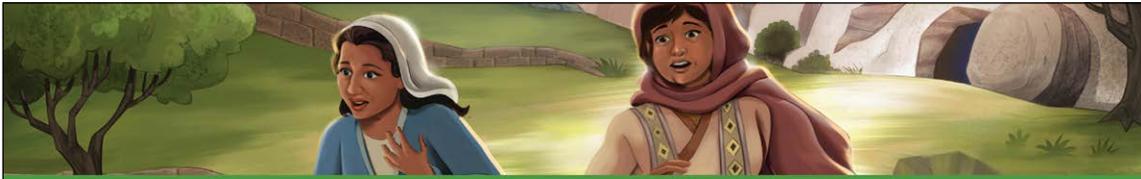
***Pray:** Jesus, You are the King who has come to save! Help us follow You and obey You as King. We wait with excitement for the day when You will return to rule over everything forever and ever! Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Begin each day with a prayer of praise. Just like the people in the streets, say “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” What are some ways you can honor Jesus as King today?

### **Evenings**

Ask God for His peace to rule over any difficult situation your family is facing. How was Jesus so calm when He knew this would be His final week before He would die and rise again? How can we have confidence and peace through knowing Him as King?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Choose some rocks from your yard or a nearby stream. Use acrylic paints to decorate the rocks with words of praise or the word Hosanna. Place the rocks in your yard or around the neighborhood. Jesus told the Pharisees that if the people did not praise Him then the rocks would cry out and praise Him. Talk as a family about how these rocks can remind us to worship Jesus as King!

### **To Serve**

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, some of the people threw their cloaks on the ground in front of Him, which was a way to worship Him as King. Donate unused coats or clothes to individuals or organizations who have need. Consider starting a collection with others in your church to provide winter coats for others. This can also be a way to worship Jesus as King!



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JESUS SAVES US TO FOLLOW HIM



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 27:27–28:10; Mark 15:16–16:8; Luke 23:26–24:12; or John 19:16–20:18 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Aaaachoooo! Did you know that a sneeze is your body's way of blowing out bacteria and other harmful irritants? The nose becomes irritated when dust, pollen, or smoke invades the nostrils, and your brain tells you to clear those things away by sneezing. The sneeze might be uncomfortable, but it's necessary for staying healthy and breathing easy.

The Bible says that all people have sinned. From the moment we're born, sin has invaded our hearts and separated us from God. As Jesus suffered on the cross, the Bible says He cried out with his final breath, "It is finished." After saying this, He died.

Like a sneeze that expels impurities from your body, those last words of Jesus were the final blow to get rid of sin. God required that sin be punished, so Jesus' death was the final payment for our sin. He died in our place so that we could be forgiven and made right with God.

**While the people were crucifying Jesus, He asked His Father to forgive them. Even though Jesus never sinned, He went to the cross for our sin. Jesus forgives everyone who repents and believes He died and rose again.**

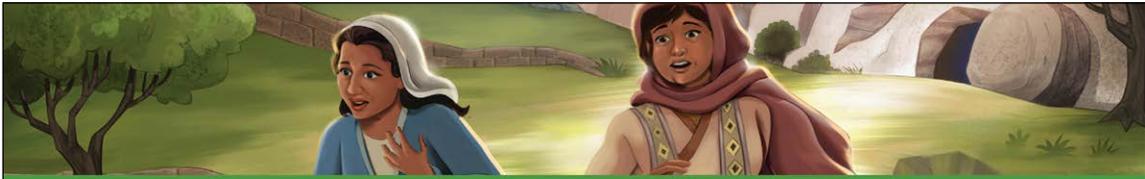
***Pray:** Father, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to die in our place. Thank You for counting His death as the payment for our sin and for offering His righteousness to anyone who trusts in Him. Amen.*



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John 3:16



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Thank Jesus for specific ways He endured pain and suffering while dying for our sins. How did Jesus react to those who accused Him? How did Jesus respond to the soldiers who beat and mocked Him?

### **Evenings**

Thank God for loving people so much that He sent His Son to the cross. How does it feel to know you are loved with such an amazing love? How should we respond to such love?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Use painter's tape to create a cross on an art canvas. Allow the family to splatter paint across the canvas. The messier the better! After the paint dries, remove the tape to reveal the cross. As Jesus was dying on the cross, His final words brought hope to the world. Remind kids that Jesus' last words before He died and rose again declared that He had conquered sin and made forgiveness available to all who believe.

### **To Serve**

Schedule a worship night for your family. You may also want to invite other families to attend. Make it a night of reading Scripture, singing songs, and praising Jesus for His death and resurrection. Invite kids to write prayers or poems, share stories, or lead in singing songs that exalt Jesus as King over your family and over all creation.