

Unit 16

God Sent His Son, Jesus

“A Savior has been born.”

Luke 2:11b

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “God Sent His Son” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in December.

The video shows children talking about the good news of Jesus coming to earth. As we watch them share, we hear many ways we can share the good news of Jesus with others.

- How can you share the good news that Jesus was born?

Our Bible stories in this unit tell us about God sending His Son, Jesus. We begin with the angel visiting Mary (Luke 1:26-38) before Jesus is born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7). The shepherds then visit baby Jesus (Luke 2:8-20) before God provides protection for His Son, Jesus (Matthew 2:7-23). Our last story focuses on John the Baptist sharing the good news of Jesus, God’s Son (John 1:29-34). Through all the stories, we see people celebrating this good news of Jesus’ birth!

- What is one way we can get ready celebrate God sending His Son to earth?
- Memorize Luke 2:11. We can know that God loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. We can know we’re important to God because He gave us a Savior!
- Spend time at a family meal talking about the good news of Jesus’s birth. Give each family member time to tell the other members in your family one way that they can celebrate God sending His Son. For example, (person’s name) can sing praise songs, thanking God for sending His Son.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to earth. Help us to celebrate and share this good news with others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 17

God Made Us

“The LORD IS GOD. It is he who made us.”

Psalm 100:3

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “God Made Us” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in January.

In the video, we get to hear what children like to taste, smell, and touch as we celebrate the fact that God made us. God loves us so much that He made us with senses to enjoy the world He created!

- What do you like to smell, taste, see, hear, or touch?

Our Bible stories show ways that God created each person and gave us everything we need. First, God created Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:26-29, 31; 2:7-8, 21-23), and He later gave them children (Genesis 3:20; 4:1-2). As we learn about this first family, we understand that God created us with wonderful bodies to serve Him (Genesis 1:27; 2:7; 3:20; 4:1-2; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18). He gave us senses to enjoy the world He made (Genesis 1:27; 3:20; 4:1-2; Job 34:3; 42:5; Matthew 11:15; Job 20:9a; Proverbs 20:12).

God made us special on purpose!

- How did God make your family special?
- Memorize Psalm 100:3. God made each person uniquely. As a family, celebrate the ways He made each person in your family. How do you see the special ways that God created each person in your family?
- Give each family member a ball of craft dough or modeling clay. Ask everyone to make the same thing, such as a star. Once each person has finished, notice how each person’s creation turned out differently. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate the way God made each person uniquely to serve Him.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for making each person for a special purpose. Thank You for giving us each talents that we can use to serve You. Help us to use these gifts to love You! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 18

We Worship God Together

“Worship the LORD.”

Psalm 96:9

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “We Worship God Together” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in February.

The children in our video have lots of great ideas for worshiping God! The children worship God by praying and singing to God, being kind to others, obeying their parents, and learning more about God’s Word.

- What is a way you worship God?

Each of the Bible stories this month focuses on a different way to worship God. King Solomon worshiped God through prayer (1 Kings 8). King Hezekiah worshiped through songs (2 Chronicles 29:25-31). A widow gave all that she had to God (Mark 12:41-44). Paul shared God’s Word with others (Acts 18:1-4, 7-8, 11, 18).

God’s world all fits together like a wonderful complicated puzzle!

- Memorize Psalm 96:9. We were created to worship God! We can choose to worship Him in lots of ways. We can pray, make music, give to God, and learn from His Word. Play a family response game with this memory verse. One person starts, saying: “I can worship God by (name a way to worship God).” Then the rest of the family responds, repeating the memory verse: “Worship the Lord!” Play several rounds.
- Make “Worship God” placemats. Write “I will worship by . . .” on large sheets of paper. You will need one for each family member. Talk about the different ways your family can worship God, such as praying together or singing songs of praise. Have family members decorate their placemats: draw, color, and glue or tape on pictures of what you just talked about. Young children may want their ideas printed on their placemats. Use the placemats at a family meal.

End with a short prayer. God, You are worthy of our praise. Help us to worship You with our words and actions. In Jesus’ name. Amen.