

# DEVOTIONAL for parents



Grab your sandals, sunblock, and swim gear because it's time for a Christmas Vacation! We'll be making sand angels and roasting chestnuts around an open bonfire on our tropical getaway. You've never experienced Christmas like this! In this five-week series, we'll focus on the birth of Jesus and the way God had been planning things from the very beginning. We'll see how **God sent Jesus for a reason**, learn to **trust God's timing**, understand why **God gives us what's best**, and see how **Jesus is why we celebrate** because **Jesus is God's gift to the world**.

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1 God sent Jesus for a reason.

John 1:1-17; Psalm 80:1-7

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

This week, pray for God to show you ways you can help shine light into the darkness by fixing what's been broken in the world.

### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to strategically place lights in your living space to remind you of Jesus' light in the darkness? Are there local organizations you could partner with to bring hope to others? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2 We can trust God's timing.

Luke 1:5-25; 2 Peter 3:8-15

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

This week, ask God to help you become more patient in an area where it's difficult.

### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to release some of your expectations and trust God's plan? Is there something you need to work through about why you're feeling impatient? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 3

God gives us what's best.

Luke 1:26–55; Isaiah 61:1–4



### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**



### PRAY

This week, ask for help growing in your ability to trust God's plan.



### GROW

**So what's your next step?** How can you grow your trust in God? Do you need someone to help you see how God is working in your current circumstances? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 4

Jesus is why we celebrate!

Luke 2:1–20; Psalm 89:1–4



### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**



### PRAY

Ask God to help you push distractions to the side so you can focus more fully on Jesus this Christmas season.



### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to make space in your schedule to focus on Jesus? Is there something you could do to express gratitude for who Jesus is and what he has done? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 5

Jesus is God's gift to the world.

Luke 2:22–40; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15



### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**



### PRAY

This week, pray for the opportunity to share the gift of Jesus with someone through your words or actions.



### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Is there someone you could tell about Jesus this week? Could you serve someone in your community? Or do you just need to thank God for the gift of Jesus? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.