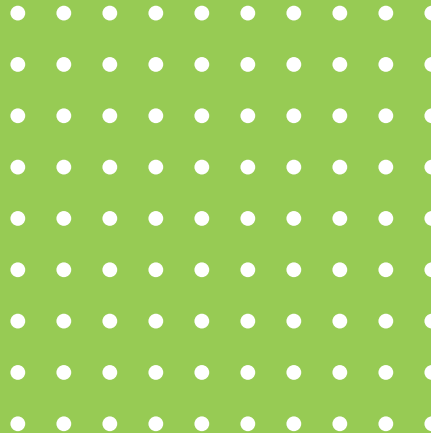




# **CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION**

**ELEMENTARY**

DECEMBER 2024





# WEEK 1

This week, we are “unwrapping” the story of the wise men who followed a special star to find Jesus after He had been born and worship Him in Matthew 2. When these men found Jesus after He was born, they gave Him gifts and worshiped Him. This story is an amazing reminder that Jesus is the greatest gift because He offers us a forever relationship with God.

Wrap up a small gift or treat in several layers of wrapping paper with lots of tape. Grab a couple of oven mitts and some dice. Take turns as a family rolling the dice. Whenever you roll a seven, you get to put on the oven mitts and try to unwrap the gift while the next person tries to roll a seven. Enjoy the gift together and celebrate that Jesus is the greatest gift!



**ELEMENTARY**

# SESSION 1: JESUS IS THE GREATEST GIFT

**READ:** Matthew 2

**HIGHLIGHT:** Matthew 2:10-11

**REFLECT:** What's a way you can celebrate and worship Jesus this week?

- A.** Listen to Christmas music about Jesus.
- B.** Spend time in prayer, thanking God for the gift of Jesus.
- C.** Share with a friend why I celebrate Jesus at Christmas.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the greatest gift. This Christmas, help me to celebrate and worship You. Amen.

**CONNECT:** How can remembering the gift of Jesus help bring joy and peace during the busy Christmas season?

Check out **Hyfi At Home** for fun family engagement around this week's Bible story!





# WEEK 2

We are teaching kids that, when they have a relationship with God, they are never alone because God is always with them. This week's Bible story is at the heart of Christmas—the story of when Jesus was born from Luke 2. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. This is the reason we celebrate Christmas!

As a family, retell the Christmas story about the birth of Jesus. Use stuffed animals as puppets, wrap yourselves in sheets like robes and put on a play, or create a comic book. Together, celebrate that God's Son, Jesus, came to save us.



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## SESSION 2: JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

**READ:** Luke 2

**HIGHLIGHT:** Luke 2:10-11

**REFLECT:** When you think about the birth of Jesus, which words best describe what's in your mind and heart?

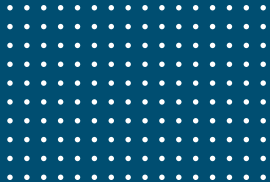
- A.** Awe and wonder
- B.** Joy and cheer
- C.** Thankfulness and appreciation

**PRAY:** Jesus, thank You for coming as the Savior of the world. Thank You for providing the way for me to be forgiven and have a relationship with You. You are the one and only Son of God. Help me live with You as the source of my joy. Amen.

**CONNECT:** How does the truth of who Jesus is make a difference in your Christmas celebrations?

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# WEEK 3

We're celebrating Christmas this week as we teach kids that Jesus is the Light of the world. In John 1:1-18, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to shine light into a world filled with darkness. The light of Jesus reminds us that we are never alone.

Turn off the lights in your home and cozy up together as a family around your Christmas tree or around a fire. Talk about how light shines brighter when it's dark. Pray together as a family that you would find joy and peace in remembering that Jesus is the Light of the world.

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## SESSION 3: JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**READ:** John 1:1-18

**HIGHLIGHT:** John 1:4-5

**REFLECT:** How has the light of Jesus—the love, hope, and joy He brings in a dark world—made an impact in your life?

**A.** I have increased joy.

**B.** I experience peace.

**C.** I have a greater purpose.

**PRAY:** Thank You, Jesus, that You are the Light of the world, and no darkness can overcome You. Help me to walk with You every day and remember that the best life is found in You. Amen.

**CONNECT:** When you feel like you're in darkness, how can focusing on Jesus help?

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