

# Part 4 It's All About Jesus!

John 1:14-18 (Exodus 32-34; Hebrews 3:1-11)

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# A Family Devotion for Christmas

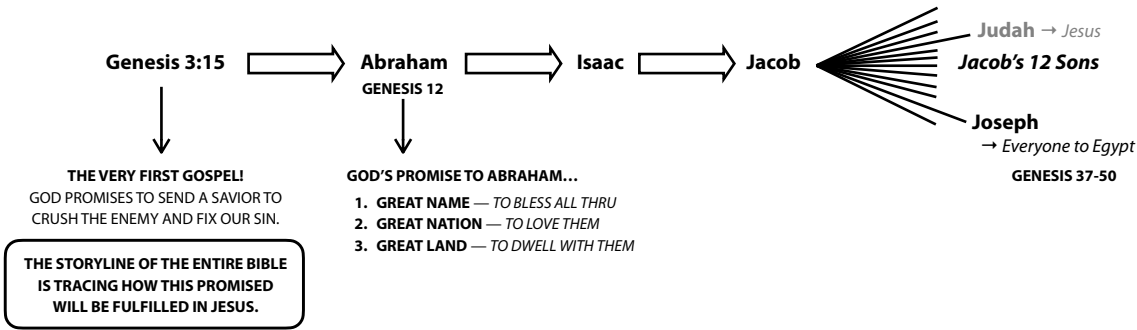
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God loves to be **WITH US,**

in the Garden Genesis 1-2

in the wilderness Genesis 3:15; Exodus 32-34



so **JESUS** came

to be with us John 1:14, 16-17; Colossians 1:19; 2:9

to reveal and explain God to us John 1:18; 6:46; 14:6-9

to make it **POSSIBLE!**

by faith in Christ John 3:16; John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:5; Romans 4:16

**TODAY, if you hear his voice, don't harden your heart** Hebrews 3:7-8, Psalm 95:7-8

Most of us would agree that the Christmas season can be quite chaotic. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle and lose sight of why we celebrate. That is why it is important for you to be intentional in pointing your kids to Jesus during this Christmas season. Dedicate time to worship God as a family and explore the meaning of Christmas. There are many helpful resources for drawing your family's attention to Jesus during Christmas, but no resource is as valuable as God's Word. Consider using this short devotion to lead your family in a time of worship this Christmas.

Alternatively, if you don't have children at home, use this as a short devotional time for yourself. Rather than ask questions and explain answers below, journal or pray about the same questions. Even explore them further for yourself, maybe at [gotquestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org).

Open your Bible to Luke 2.

**Read Luke 2:1-20 aloud or designate a child to read aloud.**

Consider letting children take turns reading the Bible story.



If you have younger children (or even if you don't!), you might scan the QR code to watch this poetic yet simple retelling of the shepherd's story in Luke 2 by Sally Lloyd-Jones in *The Jesus Storybook Bible* for children.

<https://youtu.be/4fqMhLApCmA?si=wdAGchlsvu8TtT8z>

After reading (and/or watching the video), ask:

**"Why do we celebrate Christmas?"**

*Explain that we celebrate Christmas to honor the birth of Jesus.*

Ask: **"What makes Jesus' birth different from any other baby's birth?"**

*Remind family members that the Son of God was in heaven with God but came to earth as a human baby.*

*(Devotional continues on back panel...)*

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR OUTCOMES

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

*If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...*



1 | Receiving From God.

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?



2 | Responding To God.

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?



3 | Receiving From Others.

Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others.

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)



5 | Going to those Far from God.

How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for John 1:14-18 (NASB)

Find the words **bolded** below.

14 And the **Word became flesh**, and **dwelt** among us, and we saw His **glory, glory** as of the **only begotten** from the **Father, full of grace** and **truth**. 15 **John testified** about Him and **cried out, saying**, "This was He of

whom I **said**, 'He who **comes** after me has a **higher rank** than I, for He **existed** before me.' 16 For of His **fullness** we have all **received**, and **grace** upon **grace**. 17 For the Law was **given** through **Moses**; **grace** and **truth** were **realized** through **Jesus Christ**. 18 No one has **seen** God at any **time**; the **only begotten** God who is in the **bosom** of the **Father**, He has **explained** Him.

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## A Family Devotion for Christmas *(continued)*

### Pick up a wrapped Christmas gift.

*Challenge family members to think of what it would be like to try and put the entire world in a gift box.*

*Explain that Jesus is the mighty, all-powerful God who created everything but He came to earth as the most tiny and helpless of all human forms.*

### Ask the big picture question: "Why was Jesus born?"

*Say the answer together as a family, "Jesus was born to rescue us (from sin)."*

*Explain that we need a Savior.*

*As sinners, we deserve to spend forever apart from God because of our sin. Jesus kept all of God's laws perfectly while He was on earth. Jesus did not deserve to die, but He took God's punishment we deserved and died on the cross in our place.*

### Ask: "What makes Jesus' birth good news?"

*Explain that because Jesus came to earth, we can be saved from sin. Jesus rose from the dead, and one day, He is coming back to make everything new and right.*

**Lead your family in a time of prayer.** If you're not sure what or how to pray, just pray this prayer from your heart, talking to God:

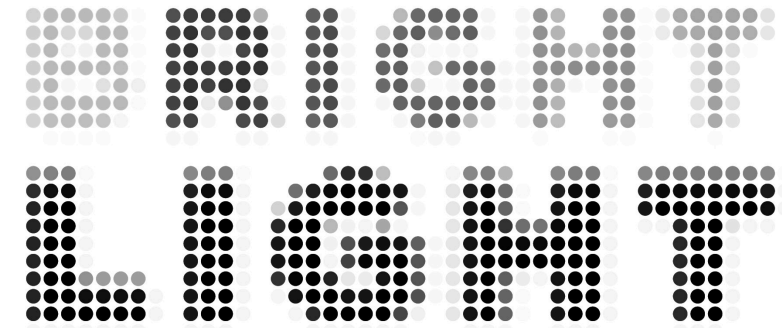
*God, thank You that because of Jesus we can celebrate Christmas. As we do all the fun things that come with Christmas, help us remember Jesus most of all. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your very own Son to earth as a baby so that we could be saved from our sin and can spend forever with You. We love You! Amen.*



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