

D6 EveryDay Parent Page

Date | **December 25, 2022** Family Theme | **The Savior Is Born**
Study Text | **Isaiah 7:1-16; 9:2-7; Luke 2:27-38**

Objective: Family members celebrate Jesus' birth and live in the peace, hope, and light He came to give us.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Isaiah ministered and wrote about a coming Messiah during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. These kings reigned from 767 BC to 686 BC. Luke wrote of the birth of that promised Messiah about 700 years later.

Bible Basics: Work with family members to memorize Isaiah 9:6 this week.

Read the Word: Isaiah 7:1-16; 9:2-7; Luke 2:27-38

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with family members about the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus' birth fulfilled God's promises to send a Savior for all the world.



Key Truth: God Promised a Savior to Be Born of a Virgin (Isaiah 7:1-16)

- King Ahaz of Judah feared that the northern kingdom of Israel, allied with Syria, would defeat or destroy him and his kingdom. God sent Isaiah to inform Ahaz that this would not happen (verses 1-9).
- God offered to fulfill any sign of Ahaz' choosing as proof, but Ahaz declined. Isaiah declared that God would give a sign anyway — a virgin would conceive and bear a son, Immanuel. Before the child was out of infancy or toddlerhood, the two enemy kings and their land would be destroyed (verses 10-16).
- This prophecy would have another, deeper fulfillment further in the future. Jesus, the Messiah, would be born to a virgin. He would literally be *God with us* (Matthew 1:22-23) and would provide salvation and deliverance by dying on the cross.



Key Truth: God Promised a Savior to Bring Light and Truth to a Sinful World (Isaiah 9:2-7)

- Isaiah prophesied that Galilee would emerge from darkness to light. The people would move from the sorrow of oppression to joy and thriving as a nation. God promised to break the rod of the oppressor (verses 1-5).
- Isaiah again mentioned a special child (Jesus) from whom the people would experience stable, unending, and wise government. His shoulders would receive the lash and carry the cross. Afterward, they will bear the government, the rule over humanity. This child turned ruler would continue the throne of David. The Lord of Hosts would make it happen (verses 6-7).



Key Truth: God Proved Faithful to His Word (Luke 2:25-38)

- God had revealed to Simeon that he would not die before seeing the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, God told Simeon that this infant was the One! Simeon took Jesus in his arms and spoke of God's faithfulness and how Jesus would bring light and salvation to all peoples. However, His ministry would also bring division (verses 25-35).
- There was also an old prophetess named Anna who worshiped at the Temple constantly. She gave thanks to God and announced that the Messiah had come (verses 36-38).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- **How did Jesus' birth fulfill promises God had made in the Old Testament?**
- What was Jesus' primary reason for coming?
- What does it mean that Jesus brought light into the world?
- How did Jesus provide deliverance from sin?
- How did Jesus' coming bring us peace?
- What promises are we looking forward to concerning Christ's second coming?
- With whom could you share that Jesus came to save us and that He is coming again?
- **How can you follow the example of the shepherds and wise men in sharing the good news of Jesus' birth and your worship of Him?**

Everyday Extras

Read the names given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. These names talk about His character and what He can do. Encourage every member of the family to think of something about God's character and reverently express it in a name for God. To one person He might be, "Great Forgiver," and someone else might call Him, "Rest-Giver," for example. Explain to each other why you chose those names. Write them on a small ornament or ask every family member to write them on a small piece of cardstock for an ornament frame. The names of Christ have new significance at different stages of your life, but He never changes.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to put their names on an important list. While they were in Bethlehem, it was time for Jesus to be born. Mary wrapped her baby in cloths and placed Him in a feeding box, called a manger, that was filled with hay. Mary and Joseph loved their Son. They knew **Jesus Is a Gift of Love.**