

Family Theme | **Developing Discernment** Date | **November 2, 2025**

Study Text | **Colossians 2:6–8; Matthew 13:10–17; Proverbs 4:23–27**

Read the Word: Colossians 2:6–8; Matthew 13:10–17; Proverbs 4:23–27

Disciple Your Family: Discuss letting godly discernment guide your family's media usage.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Believers Are Called to Exercise Discernment Over Media and Entertainment (Colossians 2:6–8)

APPLY: Walk with Christ through every day. Allow Him and His Word to guide the way you think.

- *It's said that the things we consume the most are the things we are "walking with." What are you walking with? What are today's children and teenagers walking with?*

APPLY: Evaluate everything you see and hear by comparing it to the teachings of the Bible.

- *Why is it important to evaluate what we watch and hear?*
- *How can we tell whether a piece of entertainment (movie, show, song) aligns with a biblical worldview?*

APPLY: Think and behave like Christ, not like the lost world.

- *What are some signs that our entertainment consumption is having a negative effect on us? What are some possible solutions to this problem?*



Key Truth: Failing to Practice Media Discernment Brings Consequences (Matthew 13:10–17)

APPLY: Consume more media that focuses on God and His kingdom and less media that focuses on worldly things.

- *How does the media you consume (movies, podcasts, playlists, influencers) shape your thoughts, beliefs, and even identity—possibly without you realizing it? What happens if we consume too much worldly media? (It begins to change the way we think and live; we become more like the world and less like Christ; etc.)*
- *Give examples of ways media can be used to encourage and strengthen Christians. How can it help us grow closer to God?*

APPLY: Learn to evaluate media and entertainment. Do not consume it mindlessly.

- *What are some practical ways we can help our generation or younger generations think critically about the media they consume?*
- *What would it look like to engage with secular media critically rather than passively?*
- *<FUSION FAMILY> What steps can we take as a family to build habits of media discernment together?*



Key Truth: Let Godly Discernment Guide Your Media Choices (Proverbs 4:23-27)

APPLY: Evaluate how media usage is affecting you and make changes if necessary.

- *What changes might need to be made if we realize our entertainment choices are consuming our minds and time?*

APPLY: Put media to the Philippians 4:8 test. Is it true? Is it honorable? Is it just? Is it pure? Is it lovely? Is it commendable? Is it excellent? Is it worthy of being praised?

- *What does it look like to “guard your heart” (Proverbs 4:23) in a world where media is constantly trying to capture your attention and affection?*
- *How can we practically use the Philippians 4:8 filter when choosing what to watch, stream, or listen to?*
- *How might excessive media consumption—even of “neutral” content—be keeping you from your calling in Christ (i.e., serving others, evangelism, growing in the Word)?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Why is it important to make good choices with what you watch, listen to, and play?
- What are some things Philippians 4:8 teaches believers to think on?
- How can you use Philippians 4:8 to filter the things you watch, listen to, and play?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Psalm 119:11**



Discuss This Week’s Building Block:

God expects believers to continue to grow in grace and righteousness throughout life.

Everyday Extras:

Read Proverbs 4:23-27 to your family. Discuss the importance of guarding our hearts and minds and being careful with the words we use, the things we look at, and the places we go. Read Philippians 4:8 and let family members use art supplies to create “Guard Your Heart” media filters. Write the qualities from the verse on it. Keep the media filters in visible, accessible locations, and refer to them before any media (books, music, TV, streaming, etc.) time occurs. Encourage each family member to ask themselves *and each other*: “Does this pass the Philippians 4:8 test?”

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned God sent Elijah to tell King Ahab and the people to stop worshiping the false god, Baal. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to build an altar and pray for their god to set fire to the altar. When they did, nothing happened because he was not the one, true God who hears our prayers. **God Hears Me When I Pray.**

Family Theme | **God's Miraculous Provision** Date | **November 9, 2025**

Study Text | **1 Kings 17:1-24**

Read the Word: 1 Kings 17:1-24

Disciple Your Family: Discuss trusting God in every situation, knowing He can provide whatever is needed.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God Provides What Is Necessary to Do His Will (1 Kings 17:1-7)

APPLY: Follow and worship God alone, knowing that putting anything ahead of Him will bring judgment.

- *What are some things people in our culture put ahead of God?*
- *Why is it dangerous to put things ahead of God? How do Christians sometimes do this in ways that might seem innocent at the time?*

APPLY: Always follow God's commands and direction, knowing He will provide what is needed to do so.

- *God's provision isn't always what we think of as miraculous. What are some of the supernatural ways God provides for us every day? (He guides us by His Word and the Holy Spirit; He protects us from bad choices; He moves circumstances on our behalf; He answers our prayers; etc.)*
- *What should we do when we don't know the next step to take in life? (Continue to follow God's commands in the small things; do the next right thing; ask God for guidance and wisdom; etc.)*



Key Truth: God Provides for Those Who Obey Him (1 Kings 17:8-16)

APPLY: Be open to the unexpected. God sometimes uses unlikely means to lead and provide for us.

- *Why is it difficult to obey God when life is confusing and doesn't make sense?*
- *When has God surprised you by doing the unexpected?*

APPLY: Obey God by faith, even when it doesn't make sense.

- *Evaluate the obedience of the widow. Evaluate the obedience of Elijah.*
- *Why do you think God sometimes waits to provide until after we obey?*



Key Truth: God Can Provide When All Seems Hopeless (1 Kings 17:17-24)

APPLY: Understand that following Christ will include trials and difficulty.

- *Do trials and difficulty usually push you away from God or make you grow closer to Him? Explain.*
- *How can God use trials and difficulty for our good and His glory?*

APPLY: Have faith that God can do the miraculous when it is His will.

- *How does God's will come into play when we pray?*
- *God does not always respond in the way we want Him to. How should we respond when the result is different from what we want?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- What are some of the ways God protected and provided for Elijah?
- What are some of the ways God protects and provides for you?
- What are four rewards that come as a result of trusting God? (*peace, strength, blessings, and protection*)

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: ***Psalm 119:11***



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

A miracle is something only God can do. Natural events cannot explain it.

Everyday Extras:

Work as a family to build a "hideout" like Elijah's place by the brook. Then sit in the fort together and read 1 Kings 17:1–6. Pretend you're hiding, eat a small snack, and drink water. Discuss what a miracle is (something only God can do. Natural events cannot explain it) and how God took care of Elijah in a miraculous way. Also talk about how God gave Elijah everything he needed—safety, food, and water. Discuss how God gives those provisions to each of you too. Allow each person to share a time when God provided for them. Close your time with a short prayer thanking God for taking care of us and providing all we need.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Elijah built an altar just like the prophets of Baal did. But Elijah poured water all over and around his altar. He prayed for God to set fire to his altar so everyone would know He was the one, true God, and God did. The people knew Elijah's God was the one, true God. Just like He heard Elijah's prayer,
God Hears Me When I Pray.

Family Theme | **Standing for the One True God** Date | **November 16, 2025**

Study Text | **1 Kings 18:19–46**

Read the Word: 1 Kings 18:19–46

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how to respectfully stand for God and His ways even when it is not popular.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Standing for God Is Often Not Popular (1 Kings 18:19–24)

APPLY: Stand for God confidently and respectfully, knowing it will not be popular with some people.

- *What does it look like to stand for God and His ways in our culture?*
- *Why do some who profess to be Christians prefer cultural acceptance over biblical truth? Where does that road often lead?*

APPLY: We are never alone when we walk with God and stand for Him.

- *In what situations might believers find themselves to be in the minority today? (In our beliefs about origins, sexuality, gender identity, morality, etc.)*
- *God is always with us. How does that truth help us stand for what's right even when it's not popular?*



Key Truth: God Honors Our Stance for Him (1 Kings 18:25–40)

APPLY: Share with others what God has done for you and how He has answered prayer.

- *How have you seen God work in amazing ways? Why would it be wrong to write these things off as coincidences or random chance?*
- *With whom could you share what God has done for you? How could you start that conversation?*

APPLY: Take your requests to God, trusting Him to answer according to His will (1 John 5:14–15).

- *What great measures do people go through today to try to find answers from their "gods"?*
- *How were Elijah's prayers different from those of the prophets of Baal? What can we learn from that?*



Key Truth: God Hears and Answers When We Pray According to His Will (1 Kings 18:41–46)

APPLY: Pray for God to do great things that glorify His name, not yours.

- *What do we learn from James 5:17–18 about Elijah and his prayer?*
- *What are some examples of prayers that glorify God?*

APPLY: Trust God to do what He said He would do.

- *Why do we sometimes make prayer our last resort rather than our first option? What might help us prioritize prayer and turn to God first when tough times come?*
- *Why can we trust God to do what He said He would do?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Why did Baal not answer the prophets' prayers?
- How do you see Elijah's strong faith in God displayed?
- What are some false gods people now worship and pray to? How can you stand up for the one, true God?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *Psalm 119:11*



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Christians tithe by giving 10 percent of their income to God. This is not a requirement of faith but a demonstration of stewardship and love for God.

Everyday Extras:

Write out the five truths listed on your child's *Field Notes* and place them in a prominent place in the home or vehicle to review throughout the week. Focus on a different one each day. Think of situations where you might need to claim that promise and truth about God. Remind your child that knowing these important truths can help him or her trust God no matter what happens.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Israel had not had rain for over 3½ years. Elijah prayed God would send rain to the land. Elijah sent his servant to look in the sky for a rain cloud seven times. On the seventh time, the servant saw one. God answered Elijah's prayer for rain. God hears us when we pray, and He answers our prayers.

God Hears Me When I Pray.

Family Theme | **Faithful Leadership** Date | **November 23, 2025**

Study Text | **2 Kings 2:1–15**

Read the Word: 2 Kings 2:1–15

Disciple Your Family: Discuss our need for God's power to overcome obstacles and do good works all our lives.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Faithful Believers Determine to Serve God as Long as They Live
(2 Kings 2:1–8)

APPLY: Determine to walk with God all your life, seeking and doing His will.

- *How would you describe what it means to walk with God daily?* (Hearing from God through His Word; remaining in a spirit of prayer; doing what the Holy Spirit prompts us to do; etc.)
- *What are some things we face in life that can make it difficult to walk with God day after day?*
- *It's likely we all know people who have walked away from God and the church. Why do you think people walk away?*
- *Name some of the reasons you have stayed in the church or returned to the church.*

APPLY: Do what will help you faithfully walk with God each day.

- *Think of a godly mentor or someone you look up to in the faith. What components of his or her walk stand out to you? Why?*
- *What can help us stay faithful all our lives?* (Daily confession of sin; daily Bible reading, praise, thanksgiving, and worship; etc.)



Key Truth: Faithful Believers Seek God's Power to Accomplish God's Work
(2 Kings 2:9–15)

APPLY: Ask God for power to live for Him and serve Him.

- *Why is God's power necessary for those who are striving to serve Him?* (Only in His power can we be effective in overcoming sin and accomplishing the work God has for us.)
- *What can believers do to experience the power of God upon their lives? Their families? Their ministries?* (Walk closely with God each day; allow His Spirit to fill and empower us; ask Him to work in and through us; etc.)
- *Sometimes we speak of finding God's will like discovering a hidden treasure. Is that an accurate depiction, or is God's will more about daily obedience? Explain.*

APPLY: Remember that God's presence and power are greater than any problem we face.

- *How does it help us to know that God's presence and power are greater than our problems?*
- *What would you say to someone who says, "I don't feel like God is speaking to me"?* (Remind that person that even though God might seem silent at times, He has given us His Word, and we are to be obedient to what He has called us to do. He speaks to us through those things as well as prayer.)

APPLY: Serve God in the ways He has prepared for you (Ephesians 2:10).

- *How do we discover the works and service God has prepared for us? Who could we talk to about that?* (We find out how God has gifted us; we talk to the pastor or ministry leaders at church; we try serving in a few ministries that interest us; etc.)

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How were Elijah and Elisha faithful leaders for God?
- How did God show His faithfulness to Elijah and Elisha?
- What are some ways you are faithfully serving God?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: ***Psalm 119:11***



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

A prophet is a messenger chosen by God to share His words.

Everyday Extras:

Remind family members just how powerful God really is. Talk about God's power as seen in nature. Look up pictures of various meteorological phenomena, such as *noctilucent clouds*, *sun dogs*, *northern lights*, *sun pillars*, and *snow rollers*. Explain to your family the God who controls the weather is the same One who loves and takes care of us.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned God was soon going to bring Elijah to Heaven. God chose a man named Elisha to learn from Elijah. Elisha asked for a double portion of God's power to help him, and God gave it to him. God took Elijah to Heaven by a whirlwind. God took care of Elijah and Elisha and **God Takes Care of Me** and you.

Family Theme | **Humble Obedience** Date | **November 30, 2025**

Study Text | **2 Kings 5:1–27**

Read the Word: 2 Kings 5:1–27

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we should choose to humbly obey God, even when it doesn't seem to make sense.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God Can Use Any Person or Situation to Accomplish His Purposes (2 Kings 5:1–8)

APPLY: Remember that God can use any person and any situation, good or bad, to glorify His name and accomplish His purposes.

- Describe a time when you saw God do something powerful through an unlikely person. What did you take away from that event?
- How did the servant girl use her situation to bring God glory? How could you use your present situation to bring God glory?

APPLY: Present yourself to God daily and watch for opportunities to be used by Him.

- How can we always be ready for God to use us? (Maintain a close walk with God; present ourselves daily for God's use; be open to the Spirit's leading; etc.)
- How can we make sure we're making the most of the opportunities that God gives us?



Key Truth: God's Commands and Methods Are Best, Even When They Seem Strange to Us (2 Kings 5:9–14)

APPLY: Naaman almost let pride prevent his healing. Be humble instead of prideful.

- How is humility connected to obedience?

APPLY: Trust and obey God, even when His command or method seems to make no sense.

- What are some commands or methods of God that don't seem to make sense? (Love and pray for your enemies; put others' interests ahead of your own; bless those who persecute you; etc.)
- Why can we trust God when things don't seem to make sense? (He is all knowing, all powerful, and all wise; He has all authority; He knows what is best; etc.)
- Even though he proceeded with what he was told, Naaman probably had a lot of questions. What is the difference between doubting God and having questions?



Key Truth: Believers Must Guard Against Fame and Greed (2 Kings 5:15–27)

APPLY: Give God the glory for every blessing and accomplishment you experience.

- Whether it's a job promotion or recognition for a job well done, it's easy to bask in our own glory and successes. When good things happen, how can we make sure God receives the glory?

APPLY: Worship God alone. Give Him priority over everything else, including fame and riches.

- *Elisha put God ahead of everything else, including fame and riches. What idols compete with God for priority in our lives?*
- *Gehazi had spent much time with Elisha, yet he still gave in to greed. What can his example teach us about temptation?*
- *What are some indicators our pursuit of prestige or money might be unhealthy?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How did the servant girl use the opportunity she had been given to share God with those around her?
- How did Naaman almost let his pride keep him from being healed?
- How did greed influence Gehazi, who had spent a lot of time with Elisha, to make a wrong choice? What does this teach you about temptation?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Psalm 119:11**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Obedience to God's commands provides evidence of our belief in God.

Everyday Extras:

Play a game of "Simon Says" with your family. Be sure to include silly or unusual actions such as "moo like a cow," "give everyone a high-five," and "act like a monkey." Afterward, talk about obedience and discuss how God sometimes asks us to do things we don't understand or don't want to do for the fear of looking silly or feeling foolish. Remind your child God will never ask him or her to do something that goes against His Word.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned the people told Elisha their water was very bad. Elisha put salt in the water and God did a miracle and made it good again. A widow came to Elisha for help. He told her to gather many empty jars. God did a miracle and used the small jar of oil she had to fill up all the jars. God took care of them, and **God Takes Care of Me.**

Family Theme | **Answering God's Call** Date | **December 7, 2025**

Study Text | **Isaiah 6:1-13**

Read the Word: Isaiah 6:1-13

Disciple Your Family: Discuss answering God's call to live for Him and serve Him.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: We Serve a God Who Is Holy, Glorious, and Majestic (Isaiah 6:1-4)

APPLY: Stand in awe of God. There is no other like Him.

- What are some great qualities of God we learn about in these verses and in other passages?
- The word "awesome" gets used very loosely today. What does it mean that our God is awesome? What does it mean to be in awe of something or someone?

APPLY: Remind yourself daily of God's holiness, glory, and majesty.

- Describe the reaction of the seraphim. What can that teach us about God?
- How can reflecting on God's holiness, glory, and majesty help us to be holy?



Key Truth: God Calls Us to Holiness (Isaiah 6:5-7)

APPLY: Recognize, confess, and turn away from your sin.

- Why is it important for Christ followers to confess and turn from sin daily?
- From politics to Hollywood to everyday life, it seems like it's becoming more difficult for people to confess their sins and take responsibility for their actions. What can help us become people of confession and repentance?

APPLY: Ask God daily to help you to live for Him and glorify Him.

- First Corinthians 10:31 says that everything we do should be for the glory of God. Coupled with the concept of God's holiness, what should this mean for how we go about the activities of our daily lives? How should it shape the way we do our jobs, serve in our community, behave as neighbors, customers, patrons, etc.?
- Why is it important that we spend time with God every day? How might that change us?



Key Truth: God Calls Us to Commitment (Isaiah 6:8-13)

APPLY: Commit to answer every call of God with "Yes, I'll do it."

- What are some things God calls us to do? Which of these are difficult for you?
- What calling is God waiting for you to answer?

APPLY: Speak the truth, but do it in love (Ephesians 4:15).

- How can we strive for both truth and love in our words, tone, attitude, and actions?
- How should we respond if the message we share is rejected? Why can we rejoice even in the face of rejection?

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How can you be ready to answer God's call to do something with the words, "Here I am! Send me!"?
- Is there anything God is calling you to do? If so, what is stopping you from answering it?
- How can you prepare yourself for when He does?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *Isaiah 9:6*



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

The Old Testament books of the major prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. They are called major prophets due to the length of the writings.

Everyday Extras:

Go on a walk or take a drive and ask, "Whom shall I send?" Instruct everyone else in the car to reply with, "Here I am! Send me!" Then ask, "Who will go?" Everyone should respond again with, "Here I am! Send me!" Repeat this a few times. Talk with your child about how those were Isaiah's answers to God, and we should be ready to respond to God's Word with obedience too. Discuss things God might be calling each family member to do this week (showing kindness, sharing, forgiving others, etc.). Remind your child we don't hear God's voice with our ears, but He speaks to us through the Bible, other believers, and our thoughts.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Naaman was an officer in the king's army, but he was sick and had sores on his body. A young servant girl told Naaman's wife about a prophet of God named Elisha who could heal Naaman. So Naaman went to the king of Syria to ask to go to Elisha, and the king said yes. God was taking care of Naaman and **God Takes Care of Me.**

Family Theme | **The Suffering Savior** Date | **December 14, 2025**

Study Text | **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

Read the Word: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we live for Christ and tell the lost how He died on the cross to save us.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Jesus Was Despised and Rejected by People He Came to Save (Isaiah 52:13—53:3)

APPLY: Exalt the Savior no matter what others do.

- Give examples of how we can exalt Jesus today. (Follow and obey Him; graciously share biblical truth and why we hold to it; share the difference Christ makes in our lives; decline to participate with lost people in sinful activities; etc.)

APPLY: Tell the lost about the Savior who shed His blood for them.

- How can we get the gospel message to people who need to hear it? (Tell those you come in contact with; participate in your church's outreach efforts; support missionaries and others who take the gospel to others; etc.)
- Why was Jesus rejected by His own people? What are some reasons people reject Jesus today?
- Why did Jesus come as a humble servant and not as a conquering warrior?



Key Truth: Jesus Paid the Penalty for Our Sins (Isaiah 53:4–9)

APPLY: Jesus paid the penalty for your sins. Live for Him in return.

- How did Christ's death on the cross pay the penalty we owed? (Jesus took our sins on Himself; it satisfied God's righteous anger against our sins; it provided forgiveness of our sins; it made it possible for His righteousness to be placed on our account; etc.)
- A penalty had to be paid for our sins. How does this counter the mentality that "you are enough" or that we can be worthy on our own?
- What are some appropriate ways to respond to all Christ has done for us? (Thank Him daily; obey His Word; turn away from sin; follow God's will; serve in ministries to advance His kingdom; etc.)

APPLY: Follow Jesus' example and give up your rights for the good of others.

- What are some ways we can put others' needs and interests ahead of our own?



Key Truth: Jesus Is Highly Exalted Because He Suffered to Save Us (Isaiah 53:10–12)

APPLY: Be righteous just as God considers you righteous through your faith in Christ.

- What does it look like for a Christian to practice righteous living?

APPLY: Worship Jesus for taking your sins on Himself on the cross.

- *There are some who argue this passage isn't speaking about Jesus. Look back at the entire passage. What evidence proves this passage is prophecy that's focused on Jesus?*
- *How can these verses encourage and motivate you to serve Christ, even when culture pushes back against you?*
- *How can we worship and honor Christ through everyday activities? (Treat others with love and respect; always do the right thing; put others' needs ahead of our own; do what pleases and brings glory to the Lord; etc.)*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How can knowing Jesus faced rejection and suffering encourage you when you experience the same because of your faith?
- Why do you think people today have a hard time believing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection?
- What should your response be to what Jesus did for you on the cross?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Isaiah 9:6**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

When English Bibles spell LORD with all capital letters, it is a translation of Yahweh or Jehovah, the personal name for God. Yahweh is related to God's statement, "I Am that I Am" (Exodus 3:14) and is used over 6800 times in the Old Testament.

Everyday Extras:

Gather some large rocks, acrylic paint, paintbrushes, and permanent markers. Have family members paint simple pictures (crosses, hearts, smiley faces, etc.) or use the permanent markers to write *Jesus is* and then one of His characteristics from Isaiah 9:6 on the rocks. Hide the rocks around your neighborhood or town for others to find. Pray God will lead the people who need to know the truth about Jesus to find these rocks.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned when Elisha sent a messenger to tell Naaman to dip his body in the Jordan River seven times, Naaman became angry. But his servants talked him into doing what Elisha said. Six times Naaman dipped his body into the Jordan River, and on the seventh time, he was healed. God took care of Naaman and **God Takes Care of Me.**

Family Theme | **God's Promised Messiah** Date | **December 21, 2025**

Study Text | **Isaiah 7:1-16; 9:2-7; Luke 2:25-38**

Read the Word: Isaiah 7:1-16; 9:2-7; Luke 2:25-38

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we celebrate the birth of our Savior knowing His birth affirms the truth of God's Word.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



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

APPLY: Trust God to do everything He has promised to do.

- *Why can we trust God to do all He has promised to do?* (He has all knowledge and all power; He cannot lie; He has already accomplished other promises in their time; etc.)

APPLY: Obey God's Word, knowing Jesus' virgin birth affirms its reliability.

- *How does the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy help to confirm the truth of God's Word?* (Fulfillment of this prophecy and many others assures us He will fulfill the other promises He has given for eternal life, victory over sin, etc.)
- *Why was it necessary for Jesus to be born of a virgin?* (Conception by a human father would have passed the sin nature to Jesus; conception by the power of the Holy Spirit affirmed His deity; since Jesus already existed He did not need an earthly father for conception, He only needed a way to be born as a human; etc.)
- *Why is it significant that God fulfills all His promises? How does that help with our understanding of prophecy? How does that help with our lives today?*



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

APPLY: Live in the light and truth of God's Word.

- *How is the world different because of the great light? How is your life different?*
- *What does it mean to live in the light of God's truth?* (It means we accept God's Word as truth and put it into practice in our daily lives.)

APPLY: Follow and obey Jesus as Lord of your life. One day all will bow before Him (Philippians 2:9-11).

- *In Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah used several phrases to describe the Messiah. Which one stands out the most to you? Why?*
- *This is a wonderful time of year to celebrate the birth of Jesus. How can the Christmas season also encourage us to obey Him in everything we do?*



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

APPLY: Walk closely with God, learning to follow the Holy Spirit's direction.

- *How can we make sure the Holy Spirit is guiding our steps?*

APPLY: Tell others how Jesus' birth fulfilled God's promises.

- *How might Christmas open the door for us to share the gospel with others and have conversations about Jesus?*
- *What promises of God related to Christmas could we share with people around us?*
- *How can we demonstrate thankfulness to God for being faithful to us?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How can studying the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies strengthen your trust in the Bible?
- How should the response of the shepherds and wise men motivate you to seek and worship Jesus?
- What name of Jesus given in Isaiah 9:6 is most meaningful to you? Why?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Isaiah 9:6**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

God's name *Adonai* (Hebrew) and *Kyrios* (Greek) means my Lord or my Ruler. It is translated as Lord in the Scripture.

Everyday Extras:

Go to the Home Bonus Tools at www.d6everyday.com and download the *Drawing Out of Order* instructions and pieces. Divide family members into two teams and explain the directions for the activity. When the activity is over, talk about the events surrounding Jesus' birth. Remind family members that it is *because* of Jesus' birth that we have something to celebrate.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned an angel brought news of a special baby who would be born to Mary and He was to be named Jesus. While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem to put their names on an important list, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths and placed Him in a manger filled with hay. **Jesus Is a Gift of Love** from God to us.

Family Theme | **Lessons From the Life of Jonah** Date | **December 28, 2025**

Study Text | **Various Scriptures From Jonah 1–4**

Read the Word: Various Scriptures From Jonah 1–4

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how you can put life lessons from Jonah into action.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Jonah Ran (Jonah 1:1–17)

LIFE LESSON 1: Never run from something God wants you to do.

- What are some common ways people “run” from God’s calling today—even if they stay physically in place?
- When have you faced a task or command from God that you were reluctant to obey? How did that work out?

LIFE LESSON 2: Obey God. Your sin affects those around you.

- In what ways can our disobedience affect others, just like Jonah’s actions affected the sailors?
- Think about choices people make that negatively affect others. Why do people often neglect to think about the long-term consequences of their decisions? What’s the remedy for that?

LIFE LESSON 3: God can work miracles if necessary to accomplish His will and plan.

- Why should we not be surprised that God could cause a fish to swallow and save Jonah?
- What are some modern-day examples—big or small—where you’ve seen God intervene in unexpected ways to accomplish His purpose?



Key Truth: Jonah Prayed (Jonah 2:1–10)

LIFE LESSON 4: God often disciplines disobedient servants so they can reassess their obedience toward Him.

- Hebrews 12:6 tells us that God disciplines those He loves. What are some ways God might discipline us today?
- Discipline is uncomfortable for both children and adults. How do we usually respond to discipline? How should we respond?



Key Truth: Jonah Obeyed (Jonah 3:1–10)

LIFE LESSON 5: Help get the gospel to all people, including those you would consider as enemies.

- What is our church currently doing to get the gospel to all people? As an individual, what are you doing to share the gospel with others?
- Who is someone you’d be surprised to see respond to Christ with repentance and faith? What’s one way you could share the gospel with that person?



Key Truth: Jonah Complained (Jonah 4:1-11)

LIFE LESSON 6: Remember that God loves all people, including our enemies, and wants them to repent and be saved.

- *What group would you hesitate to approach with a declaration and demonstration of God's love?*
- *At times, Jonah showed obedience, but he also showed a lack of compassion. How can we develop compassion for the lost? Why is it important to avoid an "us vs. them" mentality?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How did Jonah's disobedience affect the lives of others? What does that teach you about how your disobedience affects others?
- What did God do to change Jonah's mind about going to Nineveh?
- How does Jonah's story give you encouragement about God's grace and mercy in your life?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Isaiah 9:6**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

The Hebrew word *Elohim* means God and speaks of God's sovereignty over all other gods.

Everyday Extras:

Remind your child this story from the Bible, while it might be hard to believe, is a true account of an event in Jonah's life. Visit bitly.com/jonahswallowed and bitly.com/jonahlargefish with your child as additional resources regarding this story. Then, play a game of Tag with your family. Discuss how God pursued the disobedient people of Nineveh and Jonah because of His love for them. God demonstrated His mercy to Jonah in a miraculous way. God pursues us and demonstrates His mercy with us too.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned an angel appeared to shepherds in a field and told them about Jesus' birth. They went to find the newborn baby. Some wise men also saw a special star in the sky. They knew it was a sign God's Son had been born. The men traveled a long time and brought Him special gifts. They knew **Jesus Is a Gift of Love** for the world.