

Unit 4

Jesus Is God's Son

"God sent His Son."

Galatians 4:4

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch "Jesus Is God's Son" before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in December.

The video shows children talking about God's Son, Jesus. As we watch them share, we hear how Jesus is a wonderful gift from God.

- What are some ways that parents show love to their children?

Our Bible stories in this unit tell us about Jesus. We saw that an angel told Mary and Joseph about Jesus' birth (Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–33). Then, we learned how Jesus was born to Mary in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1–7). We also talked about the angels telling the shepherds about Jesus' birth (Luke 2:8–18). The last story in our unit, about the wise men, teaches us that worship is a gift we give Jesus (Matthew 2:1–11). Through all the stories, we see that Jesus is a good and perfect gift from God!

- What are some ways we can tell others about God sending His Son, Jesus?
- Memorize Galatians 4:4. God sent His Son to earth because He loves us so much! He loves us and takes care of us!
- Spend time at a family meal talking about the ways your family can celebrate God sending His Son, Jesus, to us on earth. Give each family member time to share one way your family can celebrate. (Example: "We can celebrate Jesus' birth by singing praise songs.")

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for sending us Your Son. Help us to share this great news with everyone around us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Unit 5

God's Son Grew Up

[Jesus] grew and became strong.

Luke 2:40

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch "God's Son Grew Up" before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in January.

In the video, we get to hear children share about what they think it was like when Jesus grew up. Jesus came to earth as a baby and grew up strong.

- Have you seen pictures of you as a baby? What did you look like? (Parents can share baby pictures with children as part of this devotion.)

Our Bible stories teach us about Jesus growing up. First, we learn how Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Egypt for protection (Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23). Then we hear how Jesus grew up as a child in Nazareth with brothers and sisters (Luke 2:40, 52; Matthew 13:55–56). In another story, we talk about Jesus going to the temple at age twelve (Luke 2:42–51). In our last story, we learn how Jesus called some fishermen to follow Him and help find more followers (Matthew 4:18–22; Luke 5:1–11). In all these stories, we learn about Jesus' life on earth!

- What are some ways you can be a helper to others?
- Memorize Luke 2:40. God designed families to help children grow up strong. As a family, celebrate that God made you a family!
- Give each family member a sheet of paper and crayons or colored pencils. Ask everyone to draw a picture of how they can be a helper this week. When everyone has finished, give them the opportunity to share about their pictures. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate families helping each other.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for allowing us to learn about Your Son, Jesus! Please help us to show Your love to our friends. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Unit 6

Jesus Did Good Things

[Jesus] went around doing good.

Acts 10:38

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch "Jesus Did Good Things" before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in February.

The children in our video share some of the things Jesus did when He grew up! Jesus used His life to serve others, do good works, and share the good news about God.

- What do you want to do when you grow up?

Each of the Bible stories this month focuses on how Jesus did good things. We learned that Jesus helped people by making them well (Matthew 9:35–36; Mark 8:22–25; Acts 10:38). In another story, we learned that Jesus prayed and taught His disciples to pray (Matthew 6:9–13; 14:23). The next week, we saw that Jesus taught the people about good relationships with God and each other (Matthew 5:1–12; 44–48). After that, we learned how Jesus forgave the sinful woman (Luke 7:36–50). In the final week, we saw that Jesus healed people and helped them in many ways (Matthew 4:23–25; 8:14–15). Each of these Bible stories teaches us about Jesus doing good things!

We can follow Jesus' example by doing good things!

- Memorize Acts 10:38. Jesus went around doing good! Lead your family in repeating the verse several times out loud, making up motions as you go.
- Make "Follow Jesus' Examples" cards. On several index cards, write: "I can do good by ____." Talk about the different ways your family can follow Jesus' example of doing good, such as praying, serving your local church, and helping sick friends or neighbors. Use the ideas to complete the sentences on the cards. Once you've finished writing on each card, keep the stack of cards somewhere your family can find quick ideas for serving.

End with a short prayer. Jesus, thank You for teaching us to do good things. Help us to follow Your example and do good things too. In Jesus' name. Amen.