

Unit 4

Jesus: His Birth

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”
Luke 2:11

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: His Birth** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in December.

The video shows children sharing about who Jesus is. Then, they talk about how they celebrate the birth of Jesus.

- How does your family celebrate the birth of Jesus?

The Bible stories this month all taught us about Jesus’ birth and early time on earth. In the first story, Zechariah heard a special promise from God (Luke 1:5–25, 57–80). The next story taught us that Mary shared the news of Jesus’ coming birth with Elizabeth (Luke 1:26–56). We then read that Jesus was born and shepherds spread the news (Luke 2:8–20). In the last story, we saw Simeon and Anna praise God for Christ’s coming (Luke 2:21–38). These stories all teach us that Jesus fulfilled God’s prophecies about sending the Messiah, His Son, to earth.

Throughout this unit, we learned about Jesus’ early life on earth.

- God sent His Son, Jesus, to us! What are some ways that people in this unit shared the good news of Jesus’ birth?
- Memorize Luke 2:11. As a family, talk about how Jesus coming to us is the best gift we could ever receive.
- Spend time at a family meal talking about how God gave His Son, Jesus, as the Savior of the world. Give each person the opportunity to share specific examples of how they could share this good news with other people. (Examples: by inviting a friend to church, telling other people about Jesus, etc.)

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

Unit 5

Jesus: His Mission

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Mark 1:17

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: His Mission** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in January.

In this video, we see the kids sharing how knowing Jesus helps them. Knowing Jesus helps us to follow God!

- What are some ways you can follow God?

Our Bible stories this month showed us how Jesus lived out His mission during His time on earth. In our first story, we learned that Jesus grew up in a family in Nazareth (Luke 2:39–40, 52; Matthew 13:55–56; Deuteronomy 6:4–9; 11:18–21). The next week, we read about Jesus visiting the temple (Luke 2:41–52). In another story, we discovered that the boy Jesus learned reading, carpentry, and the Scriptures (Luke 4:16; Deuteronomy 6:4–5. Background: Mark 6:1–4). Then we heard about John the Baptist pointing out the true Messiah (John 1:19–34). Finally, we learned how Jesus called fishermen to follow Him (Luke 5:1–11).

From our stories in this unit, we see that Jesus lived out His mission in the world.

- What are some ways you can follow God this week?
- Memorize Mark 1:17. Have each family member take turns saying, “I can follow God by [insert a way to follow God]!” The other family members can respond by saying, “Let’s follow Him together!”
- Set aside a family prayer time each day this week. Each day, pray for each person in your family to choose to follow God. Lift up specific requests each member may have. Let family members take turns being the prayer leader each day.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for giving us purpose. Help us to never grow tired of following You! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 6

Jesus: His Miracles

“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

James 5:11

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: His Miracles** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in February.

Throughout the video, we see children talking about the different ways God speaks to them. They also share examples of what kinds of things God calls them to do. God speaks to us and calls us to live in ways that honor Him!

- Which of Jesus’ miracles was your favorite to learn about? Why?

This unit’s Bible stories taught us about Jesus’ miracles. In the first lesson, we talked about a Jesus healing a man let down through a roof by his friends (Mark 2:1–12; Luke 5:17–26). In the following week’s lesson, we talked about Jesus stilling a storm on the lake (Mark 4:35–41). In another lesson, we learned how Jesus used a boy’s lunch to feed over 5,000 people (John 6:1–14). In the final lesson of our unit, we discovered that Jesus gave sight to Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52; Luke 18:35–43)! In this unit, we learned how God provided for people’s needs through the miracles of Jesus.

Through all these stories, we discovered that God takes care of us through Jesus!

- How can you trust God to supply all Your needs?
- Memorize James 5:11. As a family, discuss needs that each family member has, whether they’re big or small. (Examples: recovering from an illness, preparing for a test at school, etc.) Then spend time in prayer as a family, thanking God for His compassion and mercy and asking Him to provide for those needs!
- As a family, talk about different ways each family member can show Jesus to other people. (Examples: by inviting people to church, telling them about Jesus, praying for them, etc.). As a family, decide to regularly ask God for opportunities to share Jesus with others.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You that no problem is too big for You! Help us to trust You to meet all our needs according to Your Word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.