

Unit 16

God's Plan

The LORD Almighty has sworn, “Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen.”

Isaiah 14:24

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 Plan” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in December.

In the video, the kids talk about how God planned to send Jesus to earth to save us from the punishment for our sins.

- What is sin?
- How was Jesus' birth a part of God's plan?
- What else does the Bible tell us about God's plans?

The Old Testament tells us about Gideon, a man God used to save the Israelites from an enemy army. The New Testament tells us about Jesus, God's Son, who saved us all from our sins. God had a plan for Gideon, a plan for Jesus, and God has a plan for you too!

- What are some plans God may have for you? How does that make you feel?
- Memorize Isaiah 14:24. How does this verse make you feel?
- How can you tell others the good news about God's plan to save us?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for the plans You have for us. Thank You that we can always trust that they will come true. This Christmas season, help us to be especially grateful for the gift of Your Son. In Jesus' name, amen.

Unit 17

Who Jesus Is

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

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 “Who Jesus Is” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in January.

The kids in the video explain who Jesus is, what He does, why He came to earth, and what that means to them.

- How would you explain to someone who Jesus is?

The Bible tells about many miracles that Jesus did while He lived on earth. A miracle is something so extraordinary that it can’t be explained by anything other than God. Jesus performed miracles to show God’s power and to help people know how much God loves them. Jesus’ miracles showed people who He is!

- Has your family ever experienced a miracle? If so, what was it like?
- Memorize John 8:12. How is Jesus our light in a dark world?
- How can your choice to follow Jesus affect other people?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for miracles that remind us that You can do anything. Help us to always trust in Your power and Your love. Help us to live in a way that shows Your light to others. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 18

What Jesus Said

The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

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 “What Jesus Said” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in February.

The kids in this video talk about things that Jesus taught through His words and His actions. He taught us to put others first, to trust God, and to forgive.

- What are some other ideas that Jesus taught?

Jesus told stories to help us learn about how He wants us to live. He wants us to show and share His love by the things we do and say. He wants us to be willing to use our talents to reach out to others.

- Memorize Matthew 25:40.
- Who is the king in this verse? Who are “the least of these”? Why do you think Jesus specifically mentions them?
- How can this verse change the way you see and treat other people?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, help us to always remember that You created every person and that You want us to treat each other with love. Remind us to use our talents to reach out to others because You love other people just as much as You love us. In Jesus’ name, amen.