

Hey families! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids this month so you can continue growing at home during the week.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." – John 8:12b (NIV)

### DECEMBER 7TH

This week, kids follow the story of how **John the Baptist** was born to prepare people for the savior.

- □ **BIG IDEA:** God gives people to guide us.
- □ **BIBLE:** Luke 1:5–25, 57–66
- ASK:
  - What news did the angel tell Zechariah? He and Elizabeth would have a baby boy.
  - What was Zechariah's baby's name? John.
  - What did the angel say John would grow up to do? Guide people to Jesus.
  - Who are the people who guide us? Parents, teachers, community leaders, other people who follow God.
  - Who gives people to guide us? God gives people to guide us.
- CHALLENGE: Blindfold your kids and then lead them through an obstacle course around your house! Remind them that while they can't see, you can see, and you are guiding them. You are here to help! Afterwards, talk with your kids about the people in their life that God has given to help and guide them!



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### **DECEMBER 14TH**

This week, kids follow the story of how **an angel visited Mary** to deliver a special message from God.

- BIG IDEA: God gives hope to guide us.
- □ **BIBLE:** Luke 1:26−38
- ASK:
  - Who told Mary not to be afraid? The angel Gabriel.
  - Why did Gabriel tell her not to be afraid? Because God was with her.
  - What news did Gabriel tell Mary? She would have a baby named Jesus.
  - How did Mary have hope? She believed God would be with her.
  - What does God give to guide us? God gives hope to guide us.
- □ **CHALLENGE:** Talk with your kids about what scares them. Share with them what scares you. Together make a list of scary things and then pray about them. Once you've prayed about it throw it away! Remind your kids that scary things will come but we can trust God to guide us through it all.



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### **DECEMBER 21ST**

This week, kids follow the story of how **Jesus was born**, and shepherds were invited to meet the newborn savior.

- □ **BIG IDEA:** God gives a Savior to guide us.
- □ **BIBLE:** Luke 2:1–20
- ASK:
  - o Where was Jesus born? In Bethlehem, in a manger.
  - Who told the shepherds where to find Jesus? Angels.
  - What did the shepherds do? They went to find Jesus. They told everyone about Jesus.
  - What does a savior do? Who is our savior? Saves and rescues; Jesus!
  - Who does God give to guide us? God gives a Savior to guide us.
- □ **CHALLENGE:** Throw a birthday party for Jesus − go all out or just blow candles out on a dessert! No matter what you do, during this season, remind your kids Christmas is all about Jesus and how he came into the world to save and rescue us!



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### **DECEMBER 28TH**

This week, kids follow the story of how a star helped **the Magi visit Jesus** and worship him.

- BIG IDEA: God gives direction to guide us.
- □ **BIBLE:** Matthew 2:1–12
- ASK:
  - Who followed a star to find Jesus? Magi (or wise men).
  - Did the star lead them to Jesus? Yes.
  - What did they do when they found Jesus? They worshiped him and gave him gifts.
  - o If you were the Magi, what gifts would you have brought Jesus?
  - God placed a star in the sky to lead the Magi to Jesus. God gives direction to guide us, too.
  - What directions do you follow? Directions from parents, teachers, safety officers, and rules to be kind to others.
  - $_{\circ}\,\,$  What does God give to guide us? God gives direction to guide us.
- CHALLENGE: Play follow the leader with your kids giving everyone in your house to be the leader! Talk about how sometimes as a leader we lead people the wrong way, but God is different than us! He always guides us in the right direction, and we can trust him!