

PARENT CORNER

TODAY: DECEMBER 13

weekly

Bible Story: God Promises a Savior *Isaiah 9:6-7*

Big Idea: We can have hope because God keeps His promises.

Memory Verse: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. *Luke 2:11 (NirV)*

Life App: Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Bible Story Summary: When God created the world, He made it to be a place of peace and contentment. In the Magnificent Paradise, God provided fruit trees that were pleasing to the eye and good to eat. And He personally walked with His creation! But when sin entered the world, so did greed and jealousy. As circumstances changed and life presented more challenges, people found it harder and harder to be happy. However, even now in this broken world, God wants us to have joy.

In Isaiah 9:6-7, the prophet Isaiah wrote: 'A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace,' (NirV). He wrote these hundreds of years before Mary or Joseph or any of the shepherds came on the scene. But this piece of history is significant to the Christmas story because it tells us something incredible about God. It reminds us that God made a promise to send a Savior. A promise He made at a time when things looked dark—during a period when the tribes of Israel were lost and scattered and hopeless. And then finally, hundreds of years later, God kept His promise on that first Christmas.

We don't always see the bigger story that God is telling through our lives. But when we remember how God has kept His promise to us in the past, we realize that we can trust God with our future. **I can have joy because God keeps His promises.**



Write the definition of joy in a place where your whole family will see it every morning: "Finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way." Start as many mornings as you can by reading it aloud in whatever voice or accent you want. Make it fun and make it joyful!

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WEEK 2



DAY 1

Read Luke 2:11

It's easy to have hope when things are going our way. But what about when things don't go your way? No matter what happens, you can have hope because God kept His promise and sent the best gift ever: His one and only Son, Jesus!

Luke 2:11 is a great verse to remember and say to yourself when things seem scary or uncertain. And one of the best ways to learn a verse is to illustrate it. Have you ever seen one of those puzzles where you draw a picture for each word? For example, you'd draw a bee for the word "be." Go ahead and try it out with this verse. Get creative and have fun with it!

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. How is it possible to be hopeful even when life isn't going your way?
2. When was a time you were frustrated or confused, but were still able to have hope?

THANK God for sending His son Jesus so you can have JOY!

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 9:6

Today's verse comes from the prophet Isaiah, in the Old Testament. He was talking about Jesus HUNDREDS of years before Jesus was born! God spoke through Isaiah and promised to send a Savior to rescue us. And years later, He kept that promise by sending Jesus!

We celebrate this promise every year at Christmas time. God sent His one and only Son to be our Savior. What an awesome gift.

This verse has some really cool names for Jesus. Here's a fun way to remember them:

- Cut out a tag for each name.
- Tape the tag to a toothpick for a flagpole.

- Stick each toothpick into a marshmallow so it stands up.
- Put the tags in front of your family's Nativity scene (if you have one) so everyone can remember what God promised about Jesus.

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. Does knowing God gave hints about Jesus back in the Old Testament change the way you look at Christmas?
2. How do you feel about God knowing that He kept such a big promise?
3. Which of Isaiah's names for Jesus means the most to you? Why?

ASK God to help you find JOY because He keeps His promises.

DAY 3

Read Deuteronomy 7:9

God will keep His covenant for all time. A covenant is a promise; it means you'll do what you say. But we don't always keep our promises, do we? Like when you promised your little brother you'd play with him and then you didn't. Or when you promised to clean your room, but you quickly found other things to do.

But when God makes a promise, He ALWAYS keeps it. He is perfect. He never makes mistakes. So when you read one of God's promises in the Bible, you can know for sure He will keep it. You can lock it in. That's a big reason why you can always have joy!

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. What are some things you promise but have a hard time actually doing?
2. When's the last time someone broke a promise to you?
3. Think about one of God's promises. If you can't think of one, ask someone who knows and loves God to help you find some of God's promises in the Bible. How does it make you feel to know that you can "lock it in" and know that promise is 100% true?

LISTEN to God's promises and believe that He will keep them. Always.

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

Read Psalm 105:7-8

God is our creator, our heavenly Father, and our place of safety. God sent Jesus on that first Christmas because He loves us more than we can imagine. Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised to send His Son to rescue us and He followed through on that promise!

God ALWAYS keeps His promises.

This verse is missing all its consonants! Glance at the verse and then see how many blanks you can fill in before you look again. Try to look back at the verse as few times as possible as you fill in all the blanks.

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THINK ABOUT IT:

1. How does knowing God keeps His promises give you joy?
2. Is there something that you're going through right now that makes it difficult to be joyful?
3. When you remember that God can see forever, does that change how you see the challenges that you're facing today?

KNOW that you can trust God because He keeps His promises.

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called Parent Cue. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



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Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until further notice! Please note that you are more than welcome turn in ALL OF YOUR GODTIMES and collect your Bible Bucks. We encourage you to save them!

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Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: _____