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The Messiah Arrives

Family Devotional

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You
established the earth, and it abides.—Psalm 119:89–90



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Introduction

Welcome to the *Answers Bible Curriculum* family devotional. We pray God will use this guide as a tool to help you as parents to train and disciple your children. We encourage you to take time in the evening (or morning) during the week to have an intentional time of family Bible study, worship, and Scripture memory. You could do this every night or a couple nights each week. Make it a habit, and don't let the to-dos and pressures of our busy lives rob you of this precious time together.

While it's true that the church has a God-given responsibility to teach God's Word and lead in worship, God gives the primary responsibility for a child's spiritual development to his or her parents. Below are just a few of the Scriptures that admonish parents to be actively involved in training and teaching their children the things of the Lord:

Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the Lord said to me, "Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." (Deuteronomy 4:9–10)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4–9)

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

To use this guide, we suggest you read the lesson summary out loud, and then read each of the Scriptures and discuss the answers among yourselves. Of course, you'll want to adjust the questions based on the ages of your children. If you plan on having a family devotional time each night of the week, you will want to read ahead and split up each lesson into five or six smaller sections.

We have included space for family prayer requests. It is important to spend time in prayer, worshipping the Lord and lifting up the needs of each family member and praying for each one's spiritual growth. You can also use this time to pray for the needs in your church and of the missionaries you support. Record the prayer requests, and then review them from time to time to be encouraged and thankful about how God has answered.

As parents, God has given you a great responsibility and privilege to train the next generation. You may not feel up to the task, but remember, our sufficiency is from God (2 Corinthians 3:4–6), and He delights in using the weak and foolish things of the world so that His wisdom and power are manifest (1 Corinthians 1:26–31).



1

The Messiah Has Come

Lesson Summary

This week begins our journey into the New Testament. We looked at the account of Simeon, a devout Jew who had been waiting for the Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die before he witnessed the Lord's Christ. When Jesus was brought into the Temple as a baby to be dedicated to the Lord, Simeon rejoiced that the Lord had, in Jesus, revealed to him the salvation promised for thousands of years. Simeon took up the baby in his arms and blessed God and said:

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

This short statement from Simeon contains many ideas and quotes from the Old Testament. Let's examine several passages from the book of Isaiah that speak of the future Messiah. In many of these passages, Jesus is referred to as the Servant of the Lord.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Isaiah 9:2, 9:6–7

1. Who is verse 2 about? (See Matthew 4:12–17.)
2. What does verse 6 tell us about this child who will be born?
3. What will be the characteristics of His rule (v. 7)?

Isaiah 11:1–10

4. What will characterize the Spirit of the Lord upon of this “Branch” (v. 2)?
5. How will He judge those on the earth (vv. 3–5)?
6. What will be the outcome of His rule (vv. 6–9)?

Isaiah 42:1–9

7. What will characterize God’s Servant (vv. 2–3)?

8. How is the Messiah a “covenant to the people” and a “light to the Gentiles” (v. 6)?

9. Were all these things accomplished at Christ’s first coming? When will they be accomplished?

Isaiah 49:5–10

10. What is the role of God’s Servant? What will He accomplish (vv. 5–6)?

11. What will be the response of men and nations to the Redeemer (v. 7)?

12. What will the earth look like after it is restored (vv. 8–10)?

Isaiah 53:1–11

13. How did people respond to God’s Servant (vv. 2–3)?

14. What did God’s Servant do for His people (vv. 4–6)?

15. Did God’s servant deserve death (v. 9)? What was the purpose of His death (v. 11)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer

Thank God for His Servant, the Branch, the Messiah, Jesus. Thank Him for salvation from sin purchased by Jesus’s death on the Cross. And thank Him for the hope we have as we look forward to His return—when He will reign in perfect justice. Ask Him for opportunities to tell others about our great Savior and Redeemer.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



We Can Trust the New Testament

2

Lesson Summary

God has been pleased to reveal many glorious truths to us in the Bible. Without this revelation, we would know very little about God and what He expects of us. Creation reveals His eternal power and divine nature (Romans 1:20), but the incarnate Word described in the written Word give us a much fuller explanation. The Bible helps us to know Jesus and all He came to earth to accomplish. The sin that came through Adam and passed through everyone alive in the times of the Old Testament was finally dealt with when Jesus came as the promised Messiah to conquer sin and death once for all.

Our lesson this week is intended to encourage you in your faith in the truthfulness of the things recorded for us in the New Testament. We will look at some passages that show us how we got the New Testament and why we can trust it.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Luke 1:3-4

1. What was Luke's goal in writing his Gospel?
2. Where did he get his information from?
3. Did Luke know and understand the things he was writing about?

John 21:24

4. What did John say in this verse about the things that he had written?
5. Why can we trust John's testimony about Christ?

6. What did Jesus promise to His disciples?

7. What would the Holy Spirit do for Jesus's disciples?

8. Why can we trust the things that Jesus's disciples wrote about Him?

9. What did Paul charge Timothy to do?

10. What gives people wisdom for salvation?

11. How did the Bible come to us? What was God's role and man's role?

12. What is Scripture good for?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer

Thank God that He inspired the writers of the New Testament and preserved His Word for us. Ask Him for a desire to read and study His Word, and a passion for sharing it with others.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



3

The Gospel Truth

Lesson Summary

God has been pleased to give us the gospel, meaning “good news,” of the birth, life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ for the redemption of sinners. This history is found in the four books we know as the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

As we study the four Gospels, we find that they are not identical in content or style. In fact, each is unique to the man who penned it. Consequently, each Gospel is focused on different details of Christ’s life.

Many events in the life of Christ are recorded by more than one Gospel author. And when we read these accounts, we will see differences in some of the details they recorded. Many skeptics point to some apparent inconsistencies in these parallel accounts in the Gospels to malign the Bible. They say that it obviously is not the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, but just a human invention.

We must remember that Matthew, Mark, and the other Gospel writers didn’t have a meeting to decide how to tell the same story, but they were either eyewitnesses (in Matthew’s and John’s case) or got their information from eyewitnesses (in Luke’s and John’s case). Eyewitnesses see and report on different details of an event. When we examine the Gospel accounts carefully, the apparent contradictions disappear, despite the claims of the skeptics whose hearts are hardened to the truths of God.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Matthew 9:1–8; Mark 2:1–12

1. What details does Mark include that Matthew leaves out?
2. Are there any contradictions in these accounts, or just different details and perspectives?

Matthew 12:15–21; Mark 3:7–12; Luke 6:17–19

3. What elements are similar in these passages?
4. What elements are unique in each of these accounts?

5. Are there any contradictions in these accounts, or just different details and perspectives?

Matthew 8:5–13; Luke 7:1–10

6. How are these two accounts similar? How are they different?

7. Are there any contradictions in these accounts, or just different details and perspectives?

Matthew 27:15–23; Mark 15:6–14; Luke 23:17–23; John 18:39–40

8. Which of these accounts gives the most details?

9. How is John's account different from the others?

10. Are there any contradictions in these accounts, or just different details and perspectives?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer

Thank God for His Word and for preserving it for generations. Ask Him to give you faith to believe it and a desire to read and study it.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



4

Jesus in the Gospels

Lesson Summary

The four Gospels have come to us by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We have the history of Jesus Christ, the God-Man, presented by a tax collector (Matthew), a Jewish friend (Mark), a Gentile doctor (Luke), and a Jewish fisherman (John). And each of these men paints a portrait of Jesus that, when taken together, gives us a more complete picture of Jesus.

Matthew presents Jesus as the Messiah, the King who will sit on the throne of David (Matthew 1:1, 1:6). In fact, Matthew quotes from the Old Testament—the Scriptures so familiar to the Jews—more than 60 times, revealing how Jesus was the fulfillment of these prophecies.

Mark focuses on Jesus as the suffering Servant—revealing more of what He did and recording less of what He said. Mark sums up this theme of suffering Servant when he tells us that even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

The Gospel of Luke reveals Christ as a man who consistently sought out sinners that they might be saved. We witness this in the account of the tax collector Zacchaeus (Luke 19:5), in the miraculous healings (Luke 6:8, 7:10), and in Jesus’s willingness to raise the dead (Luke 7:13–15). Luke also portrays Jesus as one who repeatedly showed compassion to women (Luke 7:13), to Samaritans (Luke 10:33), and to children (Luke 18:15–16).

John clearly cites his reason for writing his Gospel: “. . . but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). This verse states John’s two-fold purpose—to encourage his readers to believe in Jesus and to present Jesus as the Son of God. John describes Jesus as the Word who was in the beginning, who was with God, and who was God—the very Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1, 1:14).

This week, we’ll focus on chapter 8 of John’s Gospel to see how Christ’s words show us who He is.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 8:21–30

1. How did Jesus distinguish himself in verse 23 from those listening to Him?

2. What do people need to believe about Jesus to not die in their sins (v. 24)? (Note: in the Greek, it says, “. . . for if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins.”)

3. What was Jesus’s relationship to His Father (vv. 28–29)?

John 8:31–36

4. What is the mark of a true disciple of Jesus (v. 31)?

5. What kind of freedom was Jesus speaking about in verses 31 and 36?

John 8:37-47

6. Where did Jesus say that He had come from?
7. Why didn't the Jews with whom Jesus was speaking understand Him or hear His words? (See vv. 42-47.)

John 8:48-59

8. How did the Jews respond to Jesus's claims?

9. Who was Jesus claiming to be in this passage?

10. Why did the Jewish leaders want to stone Jesus?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer

Thank God the Father for sending God the Son to live a perfect life and die on the Cross for sinners. Thank Him for His Word—the Bible—so that we can know about the good news of salvation. Pray that God would give you a burden to share that good news with others.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



5

The Life of Christ

Lesson Summary

In this lesson, we tried to give an overview of the life of Christ, from His birth in Bethlehem to His Crucifixion, Resurrection, and ascension. Jesus's life was a life like no other. He lived into His thirties and only ministered about 3 years, yet His brief life was more significant than any other life ever lived, for it affected all humanity for all eternity.

This week, we want to explore another chapter from John's Gospel. Chapter 10 is all about the Good Shepherd and His care for His sheep.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 10:1–6

1. What are the characteristics of the sheep in Jesus’s illustration? How do they relate to their shepherd?

John 10:7–21

2. What does Jesus mean by saying that He is the door?
3. Do the shepherd’s sheep follow the thieves and robbers?
4. Why did Jesus say that He came in verse 10?
5. What characterizes the “Good Shepherd”?

6. Did anyone take Jesus's life from Him? (See vv. 17–18.)

John 10:22–30

7. What should have convinced the Jews that Jesus was the Christ (vv. 24–25)?

8. Why didn't they believe the works Jesus did (v. 26)?

9. What does Jesus do for His sheep?

10. Can Jesus's sheep ever perish? Why or why not?

11. How did the Jews respond to Jesus's statement, "I and the Father are one"? What did they understand Him to mean by this? (See vv. 30-33)?

12. What did the miraculous works of Jesus show (vv. 37-38)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer

Worship God for who He is and what He has done. Thank Him for sending His Son to show the world the heart of God. Thank Him that He is the Good Shepherd and has laid down His life for His sheep.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



6

New Testament Attacks

Lesson Summary

This week the lower grades had a review week. The upper grades learned about why we can trust that the 27 books of the New Testament are the complete canon. Much of the class time was spent watching a video presentation by Brian Edwards entitled, “Why 27?” We learned that there are no “lost” or “missing” books of the New Testament. God inspired and preserved His Word so that we have it in its entirety today.

As in the past two weeks, this week we will read a chapter from the Gospel of John.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 14:1-6

1. What did Jesus promise to His followers in these verses?

2. What does verse 6 tell us about Jesus?

John 14:7-11

3. What does Jesus mean when He says, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father”?

4. How did Jesus relate to His Father?

5. What does Jesus promise in verses 12–14? What is the condition? What is the purpose?

6. How do we demonstrate that we love Jesus?

7. Whom did Jesus promise to send? What will He do for the disciples (see v. 26)?

8. Who is it that loves Jesus? And what does Jesus promise He will do for those who love Him?

- 9. What kind of peace does Jesus give? Can you share about a time when you experienced His “peace, which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer

Thank God for His Word. Thank Him for sending His Holy Spirit to comfort and guide believers. Ask God for His peace in midst of your circumstances. Ask Him for a heart to obey Him and thus show your love for Him.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



7

The Messiah's Messengers

Lesson Summary

The Bible describes several different spiritual beings who serve God. These are not all necessarily “angels,” but can be described as “angelic beings” created by God. The Bible gives different names for these created beings that include seraphim (Isaiah 6:2), cherubim (Genesis 3:24), an archangel (Jude 9), and angels (2 Samuel 24:16).

In our lesson this week, we looked at the angel Gabriel, who told the aged priest Zacharias that his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son—John—who would be the forerunner for the Messiah. Later, Gabriel appeared to young Mary, announcing to her that she would bear a Son—Jesus—who would save His people from their sins.

There are many cultural ideas about angels, but we want to know what Scripture has to say. That’s our study for this week.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about the source, nature, and purpose of angelic beings.

- Colossians 1:16 –

- Hebrews 1:14 –

- Acts 12:7–11 –

- Luke 1:19 –

- Psalm 103:20–21 –

- Hebrews 1:13–14 –

- 2 Kings 19:35; Acts 12:23 –

- Luke 15:7–10 –

- Revelation 19:10, 22:9 –

- Revelation 5:11–12, 7:11–12 –

- Matthew 24:29–31 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Praise God that He is the Creator of all that is—including angels. Thank Him for His angels who do His will. Ask Him for boldness in sharing His Word with others

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



8

Birth of Christ

Lesson Summary

Jesus, the Son of God, was born in Bethlehem to a young couple of little means and then laid in a manger. His birth had been prophesied hundreds of years earlier. And it was announced by angels.

Jesus was the promised Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), the Lion of Judah (Genesis 49:9–10), the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12–13), the Branch of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1; Jeremiah 23:5), the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He was the Messiah, the Anointed One, who came to save His people from their sins.

Let's look this week at the first part of the Gospel of John chapter 1 to see who Jesus was and is.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 1:1–5

1. What are all the things this passage tells us about the Word?

John 1:6–13

2. What was John's role? Who sent him?

3. How did others respond to the true Light, the Word?

4. What does He give to those who receive Him?

5. What does it mean that the “Word became flesh”?
6. How did Jesus display God’s glory?
7. Moses brought the Law, but Jesus brought grace and truth. What would that have meant to the Jews? What does it mean to you?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Thank God for sending Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Thank Him for opening your eyes to see His glory and grace. Ask Him for a new appreciation of your salvation and for the boldness to share the good news of Jesus with others.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



9

Seeking the King

Lesson Summary

The truth of the matter is, there are only two reactions to Jesus Christ. The Bible clearly states that the one who is not with Christ is against Him (Luke 11:23). There is no middle ground. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Those who repent, believe, and receive Him will freely and willingly bow to Him in praise and worship. They will have eternal life. And those who don't believe in Him, but are threatened by Him because they don't want another King in their life, will be condemned because they have not believed in God's one and only Son (John 3:18).

Let's examine some of the reactions to Jesus we see in the Gospels. How did people respond to Jesus and why? How are we responding to Jesus?

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Matthew 13:54–58

1. Where was Jesus teaching?
2. What was the reaction to Jesus and His teaching?
3. How would you summarize the response of those in Jesus's hometown?

Matthew 14:22–33

4. What was the initial reaction of the disciples when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
5. What was Peter's reaction once he realized it was Jesus?

6. How did His disciples respond after Jesus calmed the storm?

Matthew 14:34–36

7. How did the men of Gennesaret respond to Jesus coming to their area?

8. What does their response to Jesus reveal about them?

Luke 8:26–39

9. Who did Jesus meet, and how did he (or the demons inside of him) respond to Jesus (vv. 28–31)?

10. What did Jesus do for this man (vv. 32, 35)?

11. How did the people of the town respond to Jesus (vv. 34–37)?

12. How did the man Jesus healed respond (vv. 38–39)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Praise God that He has opened your eyes to see the light of the glory of the gospel in the face of Christ. Ask Him to increase your love for Him and to give you love for those around you. Ask God to give you boldness, like the demoniac in Luke 8, to proclaim the great things Jesus has done for you.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



10

Jesus Obeys

Lesson Summary

Each of us is born into Adam's sin—we have inherited original sin with Adam as our head. God sees us all as sinners in Adam. Thank God that we have another person to represent us, but for righteousness. Jesus, the Last Adam, lived in perfect obedience to the Father so that we could be credited with His work. When God looks at those who are in Christ, they are seen not as sinners in Adam, but as righteous in Christ. Not only have our sins been wiped away through the work on the Cross, but we can be credited with the righteousness of Christ. We are not just neutral in God's eyes—having our sins removed—we are seen as righteous and as if we had perfectly obeyed God in all things. Our crucified and risen Savior has offered us His righteousness in exchange for our sins.

Let's examine this more as we look at several passages that speak about the work of Christ on our behalf.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about the imputation of our sins to Jesus and of His righteousness to us.

- Isaiah 53:5, 53:11 –

- Romans 3:21–25a –

- Romans 8:1–4 –

- 1 Corinthians 1:30–31 –

- 2 Corinthians 5:20–21 –

- Romans 4:3–5 –

- 1 Peter 2:22–24 –

- Galatians 2:16–21 –

- Philippians 3:8–9 –

- Romans 5:17–19 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Thank God that we have been freely justified through faith in Christ. Thank Him for the gift of salvation—that your sins were placed on Christ and Christ’s righteousness is credit to your account. Ask God to empower you to walk worthy of the calling you have received and to give Him glory through your life.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



Jesus's Baptism and Temptation

11

Lesson Summary

The Son of God came to earth to bring us salvation and righteousness. To do that, He had to become like us and take on flesh. Though Jesus had no sin to repent of, He went to John who was baptizing and calling people to repent. Jesus was baptized in the same manner as the wicked men for whom He had come to die.

The same is true of His temptation in the wilderness. Jesus did not exercise His power as God to satisfy His fleshly hunger, but He sought to be obedient to His Father in fulfilling His mission. As we mentioned last week, He only did that which pleased the Father. As He was tempted, Jesus looked to Scripture. He wielded the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17). He looked to the Father by the power of the Spirit.

We have that same power available to us in the Word and in the Spirit. We have the Word of God recorded for us in our Bibles. This week, we'll look at Scriptures that can help us in our own battle against temptation.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about temptation and how to resist it.

- 1 Corinthians 10:11–13 –

- Hebrews 2:14–18 –

- James 1:12–15 –

- Ephesians 6:10–13 –

- Ephesians 4:17–24 –

- Romans 6:1–13 –

- Psalm 119:9–11 –

- Galatians 5:16–24 –
- Hebrews 4:14–16 –
- Hebrews 12:1–4 –
- Galatians 6:7–8 –
- Psalm 73:25–26 –
- 1 Peter 1:18, 2:24 –
- Philippians 4:8 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Thank God for His Word. Ask Him to search your heart and reveal any sins of thought, word, or deed. Confess any known sins to Him, thanking Him for the forgiveness you have in Christ. Spend time worshipping God for who He is and what He has done.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



12

Jesus Calls Followers

Lesson Summary

Jesus called men to follow Him. He called them by name and took them under His wing to teach and train them. In John 15 Jesus reminded the 12 Apostles that He chose them and appointed them for the tasks He had given them (John 15:16). The same is true for us when we hear the call of the gospel message; we can know that when we look to Christ in repentant faith He will receive us as His disciples (John 6:37).

We also see that once these men were called by Jesus and became His disciples, they immediately sought to share that good news with others. Those disciples went and made more disciples, and then those disciples made disciples, and on, and on it goes. A true disciple can't help but tell others about his or her Savior and Teacher, calling them to follow Him as well.

Through the making of disciples and the ongoing process of discipleship, the church has grown and the gospel has spread throughout the world. The gospel has gone out to all nations just as Jesus had directed. But there is still much work to do. It is our privilege as ambassadors of King Jesus to call others of our generation to follow Him. Let's look at our responsibility from the Scriptures.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about our responsibility to share the good news of the gospel and make disciples, and what resources we have to do so.

- Matthew 28:18–20 –

- Acts 1:8 –

- Romans 1:16–17 –

- Romans 10:9–15 –

- 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 –

- 2 Timothy 2:1–10 –

- Matthew 9:37–38 –

- Psalm 96:1–13 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Praise God for the great salvation you have in Christ. Thank Him for His eternal plan to redeem sinners. Ask Him to show you the greatness of your salvation and to show you opportunities to share the gospel with others this week.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



13

Review

Lesson Summary

This week is a review week. We have covered so much this past quarter! We looked at the arrival of the Messiah, the uniqueness of the Gospels, how God announced the coming of the Messiah to Mary and Joseph, Jesus's birth and early years, His baptism and temptation, and His call to His first followers.

This week we want to examine a passage of Scripture in Matthew 10. This teaching of Jesus was to His apostles, whom He had recently chosen. It is a challenge to all followers of Christ.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passage and discuss the questions together.

Matthew 10:16–26

1. How will Jesus's followers be treated in the world (vv. 16–18)?
2. What does Jesus promise for His followers who are delivered up for His sake (vv. 19–20)?
3. How bad will the persecution of believers get (vv. 21–22)?
4. Why are we not to fear our persecutors (v. 26)?

Matthew 10:27–33

5. Whom are we to fear and whom are we to not fear (vv. 27–31)? Why?
6. What promise does Jesus give to those who openly confess Him before men (v. 32)?

Matthew 10:34–39

7. What did Jesus mean when He said He came to bring a sword to earth (vv. 34–36)?
8. How should our love for Christ compare to our love for our family (vv. 37–38)?

9. What does it mean to take up our cross? How can we lose our life for Christ's sake (vv. 38–39)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Prayer

Praise God for who He is—for His greatness, righteousness, mercy, compassion, glory, and power. Thank Him for your salvation. Ask Him to strengthen you to become a faithful disciple.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:
