

Week 2—FAMILY DEVOTION

Faith Fact
Jesus is the promised Savior.
Faith Verse
Isaiah 9:6 (NLT) For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Question of the Day: What is the best gift you have ever received?

Read about It

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today's Scripture.

After sin entered the world, God promised to send a Savior. That Savior would rescue us and take the punishment for our sins. In Old Testament times, prophets told the coming of the Messiah, another title for the Savior. Prophets are people who spoke what God said. For hundreds of years, God's people waited in expectation. Jesus fulfilled those prophecies. The disciple Matthew tells us about Jesus' birth and His fulfilment of God's promise.

- *Read Matthew 1:18–23*.

Jesus came as a baby, but it was God's plan for Jesus to grow up and then give His life for us. Jesus did this to be our Savior, to save us from our sins and all the things we do that don't honor God. Jesus' name even means "the Lord is our Savior." He is our promised Savior, the greatest Gift that God could ever give to us!

- *Read Acts 4:11–12*.

The Bible also tells us that only through Jesus can we find salvation. Jesus came as the Savior for the whole world. He is the greatest gift that God could ever give to us. It's important for us to tell others about Jesus, so they can be saved and live with God forever.

Think about It

Question 1*

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What is a prophet?
Answer 1: A prophet is a person whom God has chosen to speak for Him in a special way through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 18:18) [Bible Fact-Pak question 279]

Question 2*
To whom was the virgin Mary engaged to be married?
Answer 2: Joseph. (Matthew 1:18) [Bible Fact-Pak question 172]

Question 3*
What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?
Answer 3: The Lord is our Savior. (Matthew 1:21) [Bible Fact-Pak question 330]

*Questions marked with an * are from *Bible Fact-Pak Question Cards*, available from MyHealthyChurch.com.

Talk about It

- Why do we need a Savior?
- Why is it important to tell others that Jesus is the only way to salvation?
- How is Jesus the greatest Gift that God could give to us?

Pray about It

Dear God, thank You for Your love for me and for keeping Your promise to send a Savior. I believe that Jesus is my promised Savior and that through Him, I can be saved. Amen.

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