



Weekly Family Worship

Dec. 21, 2014

Theme: The Promise

Our Point: God sent the promised Savior.

Read — Listen to God: Ephesians 1:3-23

The young king of Judah faced serious threats. Enemies surrounded his country, and two of them were preparing to march against him, take his life, and anoint someone else as king. Ahaz saw the danger clearly, but did not understand God's promise that shines brightly in darkness even today.

Worship — Praise to God.

Joy to the World

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

Do — Walk with God.

Option 1: In the Old Testament, God promised that a virgin would give birth to a son— God's Son. God kept this promise! Read the Christmas story in Luke 2. Talk about the incredible miracle of God's birth. Talk about God's faithfulness in keeping His promises. Promise your family a special Christmas treat—such as cookies or hot chocolate, and follow through with that promise. Thank God for always keeping His promises, and thank Him for the wonderful miracle of His Son.

Option 2: Discuss the following questions with your family:

- *Share a special promise that someone made to you, or a special promise you made to someone else.*
- *What difference does it make to hold on to a promise in the midst of difficulty?*
- *How important is it to teach children to keep their promises? What role models can we provide them?*

Pray — Talk to God.

Fear is common to all of us. Having fear is not in itself a problem. The problem comes from dealing with fear in the wrong way. Pray that God would help you combat a fearful heart. When you are overwhelmed, pray that God would grant you His peace.

Pray for the Unreached...

Country: Libya

People: Bedouin, Sansusi

Main Religion: Islam

Christ-Followers: Few less than 2%

Status: Least-Reached

Bible: None

Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3

Memorize — Meditate on God.

2 Corinthians 9:15 — Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

This week in Sunday School...

Preschool

Today your child learned God made a special star to shine where Jesus was. Wise men saw the star and knew someone special had been born. They traveled a long time to find Jesus. When they arrived, Jesus was no longer a newborn baby. They bowed down and worshiped Him and gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the special child. The wise men knew **Jesus Is a Gift of Love.**

Elementary

Your student learned God keeps His promises. He or she participated in a Reader's Theater relating God's promise He would send His son to the fulfillment of that promise hundreds of years later with the birth of Jesus. He or she learned God gave us the greatest gift and all we have to do is choose to accept it.

Youth

Teens discussed how the promise of the birth of the Messiah was kept despite the wickedness and doubt of mankind. Talk to your teen about the God's promises and how you have seen them kept in your life.

How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?

Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically disciplined and will grow in Jesus!**

For a monthly prayer calendar visit: JoshuaProject.net