

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 1; Luke 1–2

SESSION SUMMARY

A few well-known Bible stories appear in our session this week: Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem for the census; Mary giving birth to Jesus; the angels' announcement to the shepherds; and the shepherds' journey to see Jesus and give Him praise. As we dive into this week's Scripture, we'll see that our Savior lowered Himself to save us, which should move us to worship. Here are the key takeaways.

- The Messiah was born into lowly conditions (Luke 2:1-7).
- The Messiah is worthy of worship (Luke 2:8-20).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When is it easy to forget that Jesus was born like us so He could die for us? How could remembering this daily shape our family's life?
- How can our family celebrate Jesus's birth and what it means for us beyond Christmas?
- What does the shepherds' response to the good news of Jesus teach our family about sharing the gospel?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Shepherds were looked down on in their society, but they were the first people to hear about the birth of Jesus—news delivered by angels, no less. As a family, brainstorm types of people or even specific names of people you hesitate to go near with the good news about Jesus. Write them down, and pray over each one, asking God to soften your heart toward these people and to give you opportunities to share the gospel with them.