

WEEK ONE

ISAIAH 9:6-7, ISAIAH 53:8,
MICAH 5:2
Jesus Is Promised

ASK THIS:

What’s the difference between joy and happiness?

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WEEK TWO

LUKE 1:5-25; 57-80
The Coming Birth of John the Baptist

ASK THIS:

What’s the most amazing thing you’ve ever seen?

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WEEK THREE

LUKE 1:26-56
The Coming Birth of Jesus

ASK THIS:

What are some ways to find joy when you’re afraid?

JOY:
FINDING A WAY TO BE HAPPY, EVEN WHEN THINGS DON’T GO YOUR WAY

WEEK FOUR

LUKE 2:1-20
Jesus Is Born

ASK THIS:

What’s the best part of Christmas this year?

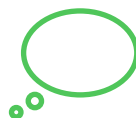
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WEEK FIVE

MATTHEW 2:1-12
The Wise Men Visit

ASK THIS:

How can you find joy all year long?



REMEMBER THIS:

“Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!”
PHILIPPIANS 4:4, NIV

 DO THIS:



MORNING TIME

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!



DRIVE TIME

Ask your preteen, "What is your favorite tradition our family does at Christmas time? What is something you wish we would do?" Talk about a family tradition you grew up with that brought joy to you.



MEAL TIME

Q&A for kids: What makes you happy? What brings you joy? Are they the same things?
Q&A for parents: Have you ever felt joy even when you weren't necessarily happy? Share how that was possible!



BED TIME

What does it mean to you when someone says, *God is with you*? Even though Mary faced an unexpected situation, she knew the stories of God's faithfulness, and trusted that He would be with her. Because God sent His Son, Jesus, we can trust that God is with us every day, too. Pray that you will have joy knowing God is with you.