**Week of:** **The Big Give: Get Wrapped Up in Christmas – Week 1** **Elementary**

**December 04, 2022**

**Today’s Bible Story:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Jesus Is Promised) • *Isaiah 9:6-7*

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Description automatically generated**Today’s Bottom Line:** God always has a plan.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.* Luke 2:11 *(NIrV)*

**Monthly Virtue:** Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

**Activity:** Christmas This or That

**What you need:** No supplies needed

**(After the Video) What You Do:**

* Tell your child that you’re going to play a game of “Christmas This or That?”
* Ask your child the questions below in the form of “This or That?”
  + Red or green?
  + Peppermint or fruit flavored candy canes?
  + Colored lights or white lights?
  + “Jingle Bells” or “Slight Night”?
  + Christmas travel or stay home?
  + White Christmas or no snow? (Or if in the southern hemisphere, beach or pool?)
  + Big gifts or a few small gifts?
  + A picture containing ax

    Description automatically generatedTree up in November or not until December?
  + Wrapped gifts or gifts in bags?
  + Turkey or ham?
  + Sweet potatoes or regular potatoes?
* When you’re finished with the “This or That” game, review today’s story by asking the following yes/no questions.
* Encourage your child to stand up emphatically for “yes” questions and sit down (or stay seated) for “no” questions.

**Review questions:**

* God told Isaiah that Jesus was coming. *(yes)*
* Isaiah didn’t tell anyone that Jesus was coming. *(No, Isaiah told everyone.)*
* Jesus was called “Wonderful.” *(yes)*
* Jesus was called “Mighty.” *(yes)*
* Jesus was called “Sleepy.” *(no)*
* Jesus was called Everlasting. *(yes)*
* Jesus was called Peace. *(yes)*
* God’s people waited a long time for Jesus to come. *(yes)*
* Isaiah wrote about Jesus in the newspaper. *(No, He wrote about it in the Bible.)*
* God keeps His promises. *(yes)*
* The names for the child Isaiah talked about pointed to God’s plan to save the Israelites and the whole world. *(yes)*
* Isaiah was a servant to the king. *(No, He was an adviser.)*
* Jesus is weaker than any earthly king. *(No, Jesus is stronger than any king.)*
* When people turned from God, the world was broken. *(yes)*
* When Jesus died for us then defeated death, He made our relationship with God right again. *(yes)*

**What You Say:**

“What is the BIG thing that God promised would happen way back in the Old Testament in Isaiah? Who did He say would come to rescue the Israelites? *(Pause for responses.)* That’s right! Jesus! God’s people had to wait for Jesus to come.”

“Even when things seemed dark and hopeless, God was making a way, not just for the Jewish people but for all of us, to be saved. And it would all depend on a tiny, helpless baby. So, as we celebrate Jesus’ birth this Christmas, let’s remember that ***[Bottom Line]* God always has a plan.”**

**Prayer:**

“Dear God, thank You for reminding us today that You have a perfect plan. Help us remember that You sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with You. And because we can have a relationship with You, we can trust You with the plan You have for our lives. Help us trust You and Your plan to make a way to have a relationship with us and remind us that You are always there for us, no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

