**Week of:**  **The Big Give: Get Wrapped Up in Christmas - Week 1** **Preteen**

**December 04, 2022**

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

**Today’s Key Question:** What are your plans for Christmas?

**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:** Would You Rather Christmas Edition

**What you need:** No supplies needed

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

* Ask your child the following questions:
  + Would you rather …

1. Go sledding OR take a ride on a horse-drawn sleigh?
2. Live in a gingerbread house OR a winter wonderland?
3. Go Christmas caroling, solo style, to the houses in your neighborhood OR wrap 500 presents with a couple friends?
4. Have Christmas lights for fingernails OR silver tinsel for hair?
5. Listen to 11 pipers piping OR 12 drummers drumming?
6. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater every day for one year OR eat a piece of fruitcake every day for one year?
7. Spend Christmas day with your entire family OR with three of your favorite celebrities?
8. Lose your voice for the entire month of December OR only be able to communicate in the form of Christmas carols for the entire month of December?
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   Description automatically generatedBe best friends with Frosty the Snowman OR Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer?
10. Chug a mug of piping hot cocoa OR let your little brother or sister throw snowballs at you for 15 minutes.

* When you’re finished with the “Would You Rather” 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)*

**Ask:**

* + “How do you feel when you know there’s a plan, but you don’t know what the plan is or how things are going to end?”
  + “What was God’s ultimate plan for giving us Jesus?”

**What You Say:**

* Remind your child how God’s plan was for Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with God now and forever. By looking at all of these names the prophet Isaiah foretold, we can see how God’s plan for Jesus was to meet so many of our needs, too. God cares for each of us in such an incredible way and through ways that only God can!

**Prayer:**

“Dear God, thank you for always having a plan. It’s amazing how You had a plan all along in order to bring peace and restoration to this world. I know You have a plan for each of us, too. Help us to trust You no matter what. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



