

# UNWRAPPED

## I AM NEVER ALONE

They will name him  
Immanuel ... God with us.

MATTHEW 1:23b

### **Week 1: Jesus Is the Greatest Hope**

#### **Bible Story: The Prophets Told about Jesus (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11; Micah 5:2)**

This December our Theme is *Unwrapped*. We are unwrapping the Simple Truth that, "I Am Never Alone." This Christmas let's focus on Jesus as the greatest hope, the greatest gift, the Son of God, and the Light of the world. Our first week this month, we will teach kids that Jesus is the greatest gift by looking at prophets, sharing special messages from God, told about Jesus. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11; and Micah 5:2 in the Old Testament all share about God's promise to send a Savior. These Bible passages show us that it's always been God's plan to be with people. With Jesus, we can know we are never alone! Cut apart some paper strips and link them together to make a Christmas countdown. But before you link the strips, write down gifts that you've received this year. These can be tangible gifts or good things that happened. Each day you tear off a strip, thank God for the gifts that He's given you throughout the year, and talk about ways you hope God will be present in your lives in 2025.

### **Week 2: Jesus Is the Greatest Gift**

#### **Bible Story: Wise Men Visited Jesus (Matthew 2)**

This week, we are "unwrapping" the story of the wise men who followed a special star to find Jesus after He had been born and worship Him in Matthew 2. When these men found Jesus after He was born, they gave Him gifts and worshiped Him. This story is an amazing reminder that Jesus is the greatest gift because He offers us a forever relationship with God. Wrap up a small gift or treat in several layers of wrapping paper with lots of tape. Grab a couple of oven mitts and some dice. Take turns as a family rolling the dice. Whenever you roll a seven, you get to put on the oven mitts and try to unwrap the gift while the next person tries to roll a seven. Enjoy the gift together and celebrate Jesus as the greatest gift!

### **Week 3: Jesus Is the Son of God**

#### **Bible Story: Jesus Was Born (Luke 2)**

We are teaching kids that, when they have a relationship with God, they are never alone because God is always with them. This week's Bible story is at the heart of Christmas—the story of when Jesus was born from Luke 2. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. This is the reason we celebrate Christmas! As a family, retell the Christmas story about the birth of Jesus. Use stuffed animals as puppets, wrap yourselves in sheets like robes and put on a play, or create a comic book. Together, celebrate that God's Son, Jesus, came to save us.

### **Week 4: Jesus Is the Light of the World**

#### **Bible Story: The Light of the World Has Come (John 1:1-18)**

We're celebrating Christmas this week as we teach kids that Jesus is the Light of the world. In John 1:1-18, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to shine light into a world filled with darkness. The light of Jesus reminds us that we are never alone. Turn off the lights in your home and cozy up together as a family around your Christmas tree or around a fire. Talk about how light shines brighter when it's dark. Pray together as a family that you find joy and peace in knowing Jesus is the Light of the world.

### **Week 5: God Is Always with You**

#### **Bible Story: Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit (John 14-16)**

This final week of December, we have a special Game Changer session where we will teach kids that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit in John 14-16. Jesus told His followers, the disciples, that He would die, come back to life, and go to heaven. But He comforted them by sharing that He would send the Holy Spirit to be with them always. When we love and follow Jesus, we can know that God is always with us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Play a game as a family by writing *Happy New Year! God is always with you!* on a sticky note or clothespin. Throughout the day, try and sneak the sticky note or clothespin onto each other without anyone noticing. Count how many times you successfully pass the clothespin without getting caught. At the end of the day, talk about how God is always with you through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Remind your kids that God will be with them through every day of 2025.