

GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

GOD PROMISED
 (PLACE RIGHT HAND OVER HEART)
A SAVIOR
 (POINT UP WITH LEFT HAND)

MEMORY VERSE

Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. **Titus 2:13 (ESV)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

READ - 2 Samuel 7:12-16

What is a promise? A promise is when someone tells us they are going to do something and then they do it! Sometimes people do not always keep their promises. But, we can trust God to keep His promises just like He kept His promise to King David. He promised us a Savior long before we were born! **Remember: God promised a Savior**

DAY 2: OTHER PROPHECIES

READ - Isaiah 53:12, Zechariah 11:12-13, Micha 5:2

These prophecies, or promises from God, all took place hundreds of years before Jesus, the Savior, was born! The prophet Isaiah wrote about how the Savior would give up His life. The prophet Zechariah wrote about how the Savior would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. The prophet Micah told that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. These are just three of the many, many, many prophecies about Jesus! All throughout the Old Testament where God reminded His people that He would send a Savior. **Remember: God promised a Savior**

DAY 3: JESUS' FAMILY TREE

LOOK OVER - Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38

Wow! That is a lot of names. But these lists are very important. In Matthew we are reading about Jesus' family tree through his dad, Joseph. In Luke we are reading about Jesus' family tree through his mom, Mary. The reason this is so important is it shows that King David really was Jesus' great, great, great, great,.....grandfather! Which means God's promise to David all those years before was true! **Remember: God promised a Savior**

DAY 4: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

READ - Luke 11:2, Matthew 1:18-25

God promised a Savior and that's why Jesus came! The promise given to King David, and the coming Savior talked about throughout the Old Testament, has been fulfilled. It has happened through Jesus! God loved us so much He sent Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross and coming back to life! Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Savior. **Remember because of my sin: I need a Savior**

Day 5: WORSHIP THE SAVIOR

READ - Luke 2:8-20

What is your favorite thing about Christmas? Thinking about what Jesus did for us, He totally deserves our worship. But this time of year, Christmas, can really get confusing. I mean, it can very easily become about the presents we will get, all the amazing food, and seeing family! There is so much fun and exciting stuff going on that, without even realizing it, we begin to worship all of those things rather than Jesus the Savior! By celebrating Jesus at Christmas you are worshipping the Savior! **Remember: God promised a Savior**



PROMISE KEPT

Materials: paper, "Giant Hole" instructions, scissors

ADULT PREP: Pull out the "Giant Hole" instructions and the pieces of paper. Using scissors, practice this trick a few times until you have it mastered. Then use this trick to share with your child that God always keeps His promises no matter how impossible they seem.

Once you have mastered how to perform this trick take it to your child and say:

"I promise I can make this paper big enough for you to step through. Do you believe me?"

Pause for your child to respond. Then, cut your paper per the "Giant Holes" instructions you practiced. Once you have cut the giant hole let your child step through it. Finish by saying:

"Sometimes things may seem impossible. The people of Isaiah's day may not have understood exactly what Isaiah said about God's plan to send a Savior, but we know that God kept His promise and sent Jesus! We can always trust God's promises are true no matter how impossible they may seem."



NAMES OF JESUS ORNAMENT

Materials: wooden ornament, art supplies

God promised to send a Savior. *Read Isaiah 9:6 to your child.*

Long before Jesus was born the prophet Isaiah shared that God would be born as a man. Create an ornament by writing the names of Jesus all around it. Use other craft items to decorate the ornament. Hang it on your tree as a reminder that God promised a Savior!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "God promised a Savior and God always keeps His promises!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "There are Promises" (www.tinyurl.com/therearepromises). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

*Dear God,
Thank you for your promises.
Thank you for sending Jesus.
Help me learn to trust in You.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*