

GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

JESUS IS THE

(TAP THE PALM OF ONE HAND WITH THE MIDDLE FINGER OF THE OTHER, AND VICE-VERSA)

PROMISED SAVIOR

(POINT UP)

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: OLD TESTAMENT, NEW TESTAMENT

READ - Psalm 19:7, Proverbs 30:5, John 17:17

The Bible is God’s message to us, full of truth, that we might know the truth. The Bible is split into the Old and New Testament. Can you find both sections in your Bible? The Old Testament was written long before Christ came to the earth. It tells how sin came into the world and how God promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins. Did God keep His promise? Yes, He did! The New Testament tells us that the promised Savior is Jesus! **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 2: THE WAITING IS OVER

READ - Psalm 27:14, 2 Peter 3:9

Do you like to wait? God’s people, the Israelites, were excited about the promised Savior. For hundreds of years, the Israelites were ruled by mean kings and they did not see the promised Savior. How do you think it would feel to wait hundreds of years for something? It would be really hard! But, the Israelites knew God keeps His promises. They didn’t know exactly when the Savior would come, so they had to wait patiently and pray. For us, the waiting is over, the Savior has come! **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 3: PROMISE COMPLETE

READ- Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:30-31-35

What does it mean to keep a promise? Keeping a promise means you do what you say you will do. God always keeps His promises! God made the most special promise of all when He promised to give the world His Son, who would love and forgive us. God said, “...The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).” (NLT) That baby was Jesus **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 4: A PART OF THE STORY

READ - Luke 1:38, 46-48

If an angel showed up in front of you, how do you think you would react? Maybe you would run, or hide, or say, “hello!” Mary was afraid, but that didn’t stop her from listening to the angel’s words from God. Her response was amazing! She said “yes” to being a part of God’s story. She remembered God had promised a Savior and praised Him. You can thank God for Jesus too! **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 5: YESHUA

READ - 1 John 4:14-16

Did you know names have meanings? What does your name mean? If you are not sure, ask a trusted adult to help you look it up. Did you know the correct way to say Jesus’ name is Yeshua? Yeshua means Deliverer or Savior. He is our Deliverer, who out of love for us, took the punishment for our sin, and then He came back to life. Today, take time to thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**



ORDINARY PEOPLE

Materials: paper person cut out, markers

God used Mary, an ordinary young woman who was following God, to bring Jesus into this world. God uses ordinary people, even kids, who trust in Him to do great things for him. Look at your plain, ordinary person. This ordinary paper person represents you, an ordinary person.

From the minute God created you, you were anything but ordinary. God had plans for the way you would look, act, feel, think, talk, and interact with others. He knows the hairs on your head—in fact, each one has a number! God made every aspect of you unique. Now, add some features to make this ordinary person look more like you. Using the craft supplies, add lips, nose, hair, clothes, and anything else that would make this ordinary person look more like you.

God has even bigger plans for you than just for your looks, thoughts, and feelings. God wants to use you to do amazing things for him, to encourage others, to help other Christ followers grow closer to Jesus, and to tell people who don't know Jesus what He has done in your life.



ANGEL ORNAMENT

Materials: feathers, white pipe cleaner, gold pipe cleaner, round bead, sharpie, string

Gabriel shared the good news that Mary would be the mother of Jesus. She was a young woman who was following God. Because Mary trusted God she was able to say “yes” when Gabriel shared God’s plan with her.

Make an angel ornament to remind you that you can say “yes” to God’s plans for you! See attached directions for making your angel ornament.



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, “Celebrate that Jesus is the Promised Savior!” As you tuck them into bed sing, “Jesus, Savior” (www.tinyurl.com/saviorjesus). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

*Dear God,
Thank You for keeping Your promises.
Thank You for sending Jesus the Savior.
Help me celebrate You this Christmas.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

Angel Ornament

Supplies Needed:

- Feathers
- 1 White pipe cleaner for the body
- 1 & ½ Gold pipe cleaners (1 wings, half for a halo)
- A large round bead
- Sharpie for drawing a face
- String to hang

Directions:

1. Fold your first pipe cleaner in half and slide on the bead for the head. Twist the lower end to resemble arms.
2. Use another pipe cleaner, fold in half and loop to shape wings. Cut the last pipe cleaner in half and make a halo by twisting on your finger and folding the ends over the main halo to secure. Attach a hanging string in the loop of the pipe cleaner above the head.
3. Slide the halo over the hanging string to rest upon the bead head. Attach the wings to the body.
4. Now take 2 or 3 feathers (or as many as you can fit!) and stick them in between the bead hole and pipe cleaner. Trim any long ends that stick out the top if needed.
5. Draw a little face on the bead.

