



The Promised Savior is Born!
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NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **The Promised Savior is Born!**

Using this parent info sheet at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your child will help them to get the most out of the episode. You might choose to do it in one sitting, or you might need a few sessions over the week to get through it; you can pace yourself through it as you choose. Even if you did not lead your child through the whole discussion; reading through it yourself will PREPARE YOU well to: use what you feel would be most valuable for you and your family; help you facilitate discussion; and answer some of the big questions that kids ask. 😊

The *Main Ideas* section has been designed especially for you, to enter into meaningful *Discussion* with your child; to guide you in what you can *Say* and *Ask*, to actively build faith and wisdom into them. Points and questions build on one another, so there is great value in leading your child through it. We have added a next level which is highlighted - skip it if you feel it is too much for your child's developmental level. The lesson will still progress well if you skip the **highlighted areas**. To help your child really share what's in their heart and mind, when it comes to *Ask* points, take care to not rush them... give them time to really think and respond. Really show them you are listening and understanding. We've also added *Life Application* points, a *Sum Up* point, and sample *Prayer*.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church God bless you!



Family Ice Breaker – Bauble and Spoon Race

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we watched as Olivia raced to decorate the Christmas tree with 4 baubles in 60 seconds...after carrying them through a maze and across the room on a soup spoon (a ladle, which is a very big soup spoon). It was the Christmas version of the traditional egg and spoon race.

You might like to do this at home. Whatever you do, have fun!



1. THIS WEEK - read through Matthew 1:18-2:12 together

2. Scripture Memory Verses - to read & memorise at meal times

[use any version you like; we have used a combination of versions/translations/paraphrases to help your child best understand the meaning of the passages and apply it to their lives NOW]

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity (open hostility and opposition) between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall fatally bruise (crush) your head, and you shall only bruise His heel.”

2 Samuel 7:12-13

...I will raise up your descendant after you, who shall be born to you, and I will establish His kingdom. He is the one who shall build a house for My Name and My Presence, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Listen carefully, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will call his name Immanuel (God with us).

Matthew 1:21

“She (Mary) will give birth to a Son, and you (Joseph) shall name Him Yeshua (Jesus), which means ‘The LORD is salvation’ because He will save His people from their sins.”



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The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Discussion introduction:

Ask: What's happening really soon? [Christmas!]

Ask: Are you excited?

Ask: Why are you excited?

Say: Yes, Christmas time is not just about Christmas presents. Although we all like Christmas presents, there is something really exciting that we remember at Christmas time, and that is that the promised baby King Jesus was born! God made so many promises in the Bible, and the promise of Jesus the Savior is a really big deal.

Stepping into the WORD - Matthew 1:18-2:12

Say: In Matthew 1:18-2:12 it says: **Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:**

When Jesus' mother Mary had been betrothed (engaged to be married) to Joseph, before they came together (could sleep in the same room) she was found to be with child (pregnant). Being pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit and not because of any man.

Joseph (the man whom had promised to be her husband), was a just (fair) man who always thought and lived right. He did not want to cause people to know about Mary being pregnant without a husband because it would cause her and her family to be shamed (thought very badly of) in public (by people in their town/community). He had planned to send her away, and divorce her (break up with her) very privately and quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the Child Who has been conceived (Who is alive and growing inside her) is of the Holy Spirit (not man). She will give birth to a Son, and you shall name Him Yeshua (Jesus) which means: The LORD is salvation because He will save His people from their sins."

All this happened in order to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "BEHOLD (LOOK HERE), THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL"- which, when translated, means, "GOD WITH US." Then Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and he married Mary and took her to his home as his wife, but he kept her a virgin until she had given birth to a Son (her firstborn child); and he named Him Yeshua (Jesus) which means 'The LORD is salvation' just as the angel of the LORD had told him to.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod the Great, magi (wise men) from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed (worried and feeling threatened), and all Jerusalem with him (because they thought they would be invaded by a king from another country). So he called together all the chief priests and scribes of the people and anxiously asked them where the Christ (the Messiah/the Anointed one) was to be born.

They replied to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what has been written by the prophet [Micah]: 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ARE NOT IN ANY WAY LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR FROM YOU SHALL COME A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'"





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Then Herod secretly sent for the magi (wise men) and learned from them the exact time the star had first appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

After hearing the king, they went their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, continually leading the way, until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly (celebrated) with great joy.

And after entering the house where they now lived (after moving out of the stable, a little later) they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, after opening their treasure chests, they presented to Him gifts that were fit for a king; gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to go back to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Ask: What did you like best about this true story?

Ask: What do you imagine things would have looked like?

[Encourage your child to share with lots of detail in their description...we want the WORD to come alive in their mind, heart and memory by really engaging their imagination.]

Going deeper – unpacking the WORD!

Say: God's promises are told throughout history, which is really HIS STORY!

Ask: Do you get it? [this is a play on words, and it is true!]

Say: The thing about history is that it only really makes sense as we look back and see the full picture. As we are living our lives, as history is being made, we can be focused on what is happening in the moment and not understand it is part of a much bigger story.

Ask: Have you ever done a paint by numbers picture? Have you ever done a cross stitch or long stitch craft project? Have you ever done a dot to dot picture where you have to connect the numbered dots, with lines, to make a picture?

Say: They don't look like much until you are finished and you step back and have a look at the whole thing - suddenly you see clearly the picture that has been made and you are amazed. That's what it is like with God's promises being fulfilled. Many of them are found in the Bible, all through the Bible, and it is only when things happen that we look back and say, 'Yes! God said He would do that, and look! He did!'

Ask: What are some of these promises? Can you think of any?

Say: Let's look at 3 of the promises God gave us about JESUS and CHRISTMAS!

Say: 1. The Promise of a Savior

Ask: Why do we need a Savior?

Say: A long time ago in the Garden of Eden sin entered the world when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. You might be thinking...'why did they eat the fruit?' Well, the devil (who was appearing as a clever, friendly serpent/snake) tricked Adam and Eve, telling them it was a good idea. But, it was not a good idea, it was a very bad idea!

Ask: Why was it a very bad idea?

Say: It was a very bad idea because it was the opposite of what God had told them and they chose to dis-believe the good God whom they knew, and instead believe the stranger in the garden, the Serpent, whom they did not know.

Ask: Was it really just about a piece of fruit? [No!]





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Say: It was not just about fruit. It was really Adam and Eve, with Satan the devil, saying to God, 'We think we know better than You do, and we don't think You are very good. We think you are being mean by not letting us have EVERYTHING we want, whenever we want it! We don't want to trust in You and Your goodness anymore. We think we can judge right and wrong better than You. And we don't like that You are God and we are not, so now we want to be gods, and make all our own rules.'

Ask: Can you imagine that? Can you imagine the created people telling the all-powerful, all-loving, perfect creator that?!

Say: Their hearts had really changed FROM loving and trusting God, and agreeing with Him TO judging and disobeying God. So, sin (the nature of rebellion) entered the world, and humans could not enjoy an uninterrupted friendship with God anymore. All the humans had this bad attitude towards God - it now came naturally to everyone.

Ask: What do you think I mean when I say UNINTERRUPTED friendship with God?

Say: I mean that people could no longer have a very easy friendship with God. Human nature changed so that even while we know that God is God, we treat the devil and ourselves as god. We were created to know and love God, because God knows and loves us. Now because of our changed hearts and natures we can't see God so clearly and we find it hard to agree with Him and obey Him, even while we should, because we know He knows what is best for us. Adam and Eve, and all the children they would have, and all the children that came after them, would not be able to go to Heaven, because only perfect people could live there with God. And humans could not stay in the garden any longer because then they would continue to eat from the Tree of Life and live forever. You might think it would be good to live forever, but it is not good to love forever with a heart that is unable to love God and others the way we should, and unable to naturally do what is right all the time. There would be suffering forever. God was very good to us all in making sure that would not happen, and He made a really great plan to save us.

Ask: What was the plan?

Say: The plan had to do with DESCENDANTS.

Scripture: Genesis 3:15

Say: In Genesis 3:15 it says: **"And I will put enmity (open hostility and opposition) between you and the woman, and between your seed (descendants) and her Seed (descendant); He shall fatally bruise (crush) your head, and you shall only bruise His heel."**

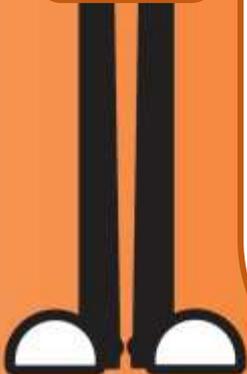
Ask: What are DESCENDANTS?

Say: Descendants are people in our family who are born and who live after us. It could be your child, or your grandchild. Or your great grandchild. Or your great, great grandchild. Or your great, great, great grandchild. Or your great, great, great, great grandchild. The greats can go for a long time.

Ask: Do you have some descendants? [No! Not yet! I'm still a kid!]

Say: No, of course not! Not yet! You are still a kid! You are MY descendant. And we are descendants of all the people in our family who lived before us. We are in their family line. In their generations.

Say: God said to Eve and the Serpent that all of Eve's descendants (her children and their children's-children, and their children's-children's-children, etc.) would be enemies with the Serpent. The Serpent would bite the heel of the of the descendants, but there would be one descendant who would come and crush the Serpent's head.





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Ask: What do you think God meant when he said the Serpent would bite the heel of the descendants?

Say: God meant that snakes bite people (often on the heel) when they are scared of people, or angry with people. That's just what they do; but they didn't always do that. That only happened because of sin. God was not just talking about actual snakes (like we have in the wild). He was really talking about Satan, the devil, who was appearing as a snake, and has many forms today - he is very sneaky. He likes to trick us through people we think are cool, and who look good and clever because we know now to not trust wild snakes, or clever talking snakes. God knew that Satan would cause trouble and pain to people from then on, tempting them to sin, tricking them into making a mess in their lives, and stop them from knowing and loving God. And, He was very good to us in giving us a conscience so we would in our heart always know what is wrong, and that it would feel bad, and make us feel angry with the devil. He is our enemy, and we know it!

Ask: What do you think God meant when he said one descendant would crush the head of the Serpent?

Say: God meant that Satan would not be allowed to do cause trouble for us forever. There would come a time when a man was born who would not let Satan tempt him, and would not let Satan make a big mess of His life. That person was Jesus, and He is also God. He would have more power and more authority than Satan the Devil.

Ask: What do we mean by POWER?

Say: By 'power' we mean the strength and ability to do win the battle of good and evil.

Ask: What do we mean by AUTHORITY?

Say: By 'authority' we mean leadership...we can make God our leader again, instead of being led by the Serpent.

Say: The head of the Serpent being crushed is symbolic of his loss of power and authority.

Say: That might all sound strange, but it makes sense when we see the full picture. Jesus came and died on the cross so that we would have the power NOW to choose God instead of the Serpent (to be the good authority/good ruler of us). And... Jesus will beat the Serpent once and for all in a big final battle, after He has come back for us. Until then, we will worship and serve Him and tell others about Him.

Life Application:

Ask: Who should have the power and authority in your life - Jesus or Satan?

Say: When we admit that we need God (through Jesus) to come back into the position of having power and authority in our life, we are powerful and authoritative because we are taking it back from Satan and giving it to someone who loves us perfectly! We make God our God again. We make Jesus our Lord and Savior and He makes sure that we become children of God again.

Ask: Would you like to say a prayer with me now to declare (make it known) that we have made the decision to make Jesus our Lord, Savior, King, Friend, and God?

If YES: lead them in a short prayer. Have them repeat after you, leaving a gap for them to repeat after you when you see this symbol → |.

Say: Dear Heavenly Father | Thank You for Jesus | Thank You that He has made a way for me | to know and love You more | and choose You | I choose Him to be my Lord | my Savior | my King | my Best Friend | and my God | I know that I am saved | and I want to serve you all my life | Please help me to do that | In Jesus' Name | Amen!





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Say: The plan was for a PERFECT human (Jesus who was the Word of God) to be born so He could defeat (win against) the enemy of all humans (Satan the Devil). He would experience everything humans experience (emotions, temptations, and how we live) and show us how to live perfectly. Because sin causes death, we needed to be shown how to not sin, and to have all our sins taken away. Only a Savior could do that, so God promised a savior. You might have heard the word 'Messiah' or 'Christ' before. They mean 'savior'. When Jesus was born, that first Christmas, we began to see that promise of a savior being fulfilled.

Say: We can never say that because Jesus is God and perfect that He can't possibly understand what it is to be a human and be tempted all the time, in a constant battle with the Serpent. Jesus knows all about it. He came as a real human baby, and lived a real human life. He was tempted, and He didn't give in. He beat the Serpent by living a perfect life. He died on the cross like He was a criminal (even though He was innocent/didn't deserve it). He then rose again (came to life, defeating death). And He did it all for you so you could live forever with God, and live a great life now.

Ask: How does that make you feel? [loved, understood, special, blessed, etc.]

Say: It is an amazing thought - to think of Jesus (who is God) as a little baby.

Scripture: Matthew 1:21

Say: In Matthew 1:21 it says: "She (Mary) will give birth to a Son, and you (Joseph) shall name Him Yeshua (Jesus), which means 'The LORD is salvation' because He will save His people from their sins."

Say: 2. The Promise of Jesus, King of Kings

Ask: Do you remember King David?

Say: King David is the one who killed Goliath with a slingshot and wrote most of the Psalms). He was king of Israel for 40 years. His son was the very wise King Solomon.

Ask: Can you remember the promise that God made to King David?

Say: God promised King David that one of his descendants (one of his children's children... somewhere down the line of generations with fathers and mothers having sons and daughters) would be a King who would not just reign for a lifetime, but FOREVER!

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12-13

Say: In 2 Samuel 7:12-13 it says: "...I will raise up your descendant after you, who shall be born to you, and I will establish His kingdom. He is the one who shall build a house for My Name and My Presence, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever."

Ask: Who is that King? [King Jesus!]

Ask: How long will Jesus reign (be King) when He comes back?

Say: He will be King forever!

Ask: The promise to David took a long time to be fulfilled (happen) - do you know how long?

Say: 28 generations?

Ask: What does 28 generations mean?

Say: 28 generations means there was King David, and then King Solomon, and then another 27 mum and dad couples having children...until Jesus was born. That's a long time to wait for a promise to be fulfilled!





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Ask: Was God late in keeping His promise?

Say: No! Sometimes it feels like a long time when we are waiting for God to do something big for us. But, God is never late; He is perfect so He is always on time. He does things differently that we would, and makes sure everything is ready. Israel waited a long time for Jesus to come...and we Christians are waiting a long time for King Jesus to come back. He has promised to come back for us, and as we know God kept the first promise about Jesus coming as a baby, we know we can trust Him about King Jesus coming back for us.



Say: 3. The Promise of a VIRGIN BIRTH

Ask: What did you think of the Good News Presenter Luke and His special Report about the promised virgin birth?

Ask: Was it funny?

Ask: What was your favorite part?

[Encourage your child to share with lots of detail in their description and even re-enact it...we want the WORD to come alive in their mind, heart and memory by really engaging their imagination.]

Say: The Bible is full of great true stories isn't it? We can all get excited and tell the true stories in the Bible the way Good News Presenter Luke told it. The prophecy of the promise of the virgin birth was given about 700 years before Jesus was born, and it told a very important detail - Jesus' mother would be a virgin.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Say: In Isaiah 9:6-7 it says: **For to us a Child shall be born, to us a Son shall be given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called 'Wonderful Counselor', 'Mighty God', 'Everlasting Father', 'Prince of Peace'. There shall be no end to the increase of His government and of peace; He shall rule on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness, from that time forward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.**

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14

Say: And in Isaiah 7:14 it says: **Therefore, the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Listen carefully, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will call his name Immanuel (God with us).**

Ask: What is a virgin?

Say: A virgin is woman who is not married, and who has never had a baby before, or a special relationship with a man.



Say: As Good News Reporter Luke said: virgins do not have babies, it is just not possible. Mary was not pregnant because of a man, she was pregnant because of God's Holy Spirit. It was a real miracle! This had never happened before and it has never happened again. King Jesus was a very special baby!



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Sum up - the Kidmania Christmas Quiz! [Answers are underlined]

1. Christmas time is about....

- a. presents
- b. food
- c. holidays
- d. how God keeps His promises

2. History is really...

- a. the Past
- b. His Story (God's Story)
- c. whatever is on the internet
- d. Uncle Jack's tall tales

3. Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit because...

- a. there wasn't anything else to eat
- b. it was on special
- c. they gave into temptation
- d. it was part of their new diet

4. A descendant is...

- a. someone going down in an elevator
- b. someone falling off their bike
- c. a relative older than you
- d. a person that is related to you that lives after you

5. God promised King David that from his descendants would be...

- a. a king that would reign forever
- b. a king that would reign for a day
- c. a monkey's uncle
- d. the inventor of pizza

6. What is the correct scripture reference for this verse?

"Therefore the LORD will give you a sign: The Virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and He will be called 'Immanuel' (which means God is with us.)"

- a. Jeremy 6:7
- b. John 3:16
- c. Isaiah 7:14
- d. Genesis 1:1

7. When Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant...

- a. He wanted to throw a big party
- b. He thought about cancelling the wedding
- c. He built a cot out of vines
- d. He posted it on Facebook

8. We can have true joy because...

- a. we are having McDonalds for Dinner
- b. everything is going our way
- c. all Jesus has done for us
- d. God keeps his Promises





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Sum up:

OPTION 1 - Put the Jesus facts slips in order

Write each item in this list on a slip of paper. Give the 10 slips to your child, jumbled up. Their task is to put the slips in order of events. The correct order of events is as they are listed in Option 2. Once it is correct, read them out loud, in order, together (as below in option 2).

OPTION 2 - Say after me

Say: Say after me:

- * Jesus was born!
- * Jesus had visitors who worshiped Him and gave Him gifts
- * Jesus grew up
- * Jesus taught everyone how to live, and all about the Kingdom of God
- * Jesus died on the cross
- * Jesus was raised to life
- * Jesus taught some more
- * Jesus ascended (rose) to Heaven
- * Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us
- * Jesus is coming back again soon!

Let's Pray!

Dear Heavenly Father...

Thank You that You are a promise keeping God.

We celebrate this Christmas because of who Jesus is, and all He has done.

Help us to celebrate Jesus every day.

We know that we can have true joy because of all You have done for us, and because we know that Jesus is coming back for us soon.

Help us to serve Jesus, and tell people about Him, while we patiently but excitedly wait for Him, until He comes.

In Jesus' Name. Amen!

A PICTURE paints a thousand words!

[You might like to ask your child to use this space to draw a picture that tells you what they have learned today]

