

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com). You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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## JESUS IS THE PROMISE

Luke 2:8-20

God's people, the Israelites, knew God would send a Messiah. They weren't expecting God to send Him to earth as a humble servant, yet that was God's plan. Instead of being born in the palace of a large city, Jesus was born in a stable in the small town of Bethlehem.

### JUST FOR FUN

Grab a flashlight, bundle up, and go outside at night to read this part of The Big God Story. If it happens to be too cold out, gather in a room with a window where you can look at the stars. Share with your children that what you're about to read happened at night, when the shepherds were watching their sheep in the fields. Then, read **Luke 2:8-20**. Afterward, ask your children if they remember whom the angels said this "good news of great joy" was for. They said it was for all the people.

## Did You Know?

- Jesus' birth marked the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises to His people—to rescue and redeem them back to Himself.
- The Israelite people expected God to send the Redeemer in the form of a king who would come with a great show of power.
- Jesus was born humbly, in a stable in the seemingly insignificant, small town of Bethlehem.

### Remember Verse

*Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.*

Isaiah 25:1

Your child will enjoy hearing stories, especially those told by a parent. Tell your child parts of The Big God Story often, emphasizing that these are all real people and real situations. Encourage a love for Scripture by showing him where these stories can be found in the Bible.

### Teachable Moments

- What do you think Mary and Joseph thought when the shepherds came to visit Jesus?
- What do you think the wise men felt about God when they met Jesus?
- What is the good news? Explain to your children that the good news is that God kept His promise to send the Redeemer, Jesus!

## Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

**A blessing to pray over your child:**  
(Child's name), may you always remember that Jesus is The Promise and that He has made the way for you to be with Him forever and ever.