

Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 3: Jesus

1st and 2nd Grade

Theme Verse

"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Objective

Prophets in the Old Testament told that Jesus would be born. Jesus is the Messiah who fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

Teach

Have you ever been given a brand-new set of Legos? When you open a box, there are usually a few plastic bags to open with all the pieces as well as a booklet of instructions. The instructions give you pictures of what each piece looks like in the set. They also give you step-by-step directions on how each piece fits together until you have one completed structure. They usually show you what the final completed structure should look like, too! The booklet that comes with a new set of Legos tells us the plan and how to put everything together to make the completed structure. When we look at what Jesus did on Earth, we can go back to the Old Testament and read about God's special plan for Jesus.

God had a special plan for Jesus. Rather than never telling His people that He would send His Son, God used prophets to talk about Jesus hundreds of years before He was born. The prophet Isaiah told us a child would be born. He would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. Jesus is God's plan to rescue the world from sin. Even though God told people about His plan before Jesus was born, there are still so many people that don't believe Jesus is God's Son. They don't believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Let's take time now to pray and thank God for sending His Son Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Where can we read about God's plan for Jesus? (Old Testament)
- 2. Were there any prophecies about Jesus that were wrong? (No)
- 3. How long has God planned to send Jesus as our Savior? (Since the beginning of time)

Play

Ask your child(ren) if they know what country, city, state, and hospital they were born in. Describe what the place was like. The Old Testament didn't tell us about every detail related to Jesus' birth, but Micah 5:2 did tell us He would be born in Bethlehem, and it came true.

Sing

"This is Amazing Grace"

Live it Out

Ever since God created the world, He knew we would sin, and we would need a Savior. Jesus was never God's 'backup plan.' Take time this week to thank God that He always had a plan to send Jesus to Earth. Thank Jesus for being willing to come to Earth, be born as a baby, and live a life where He ended up dying for our sins. Ask God to help us trust His plan because He has proven that His plans are always good and perfect.

Closing Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

Thank You for allowing us to see that You had special plans to send Jesus to us. Thank You for Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection—just as You told the Old Testament Prophets. Thank You for allowing them to see this and write about it so long ago. May we always live for You. Amen