

Family Battle Plan

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

Week 3: Jesus

3rd 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

God planned for Jesus to be the Savior from the beginning of time.

Teach

Wouldn't it be fun to have a secret entrance to our house? What if we had a special door that only we knew about? Which of your friends would you tell? Sometimes people like to hide special information so only they know about it, but thankfully, God did not make His plan for saving us a secret. From the beginning, God knew He would send Jesus to help us.

The Scripture from Isaiah was written hundreds of years before Jesus was born, and it clearly tells us a special Savior would be born as a child. This child, who we now know is Jesus, was sent for us and announced openly—not in secret. Looking back even further in the Bible, in the very first pages in Genesis, God was already telling Adam and Eve that He would send a Savior to defeat sin and death. Jesus is the promised Savior who God sent to the world, so everyone who believes in Him may be with Him forever in Heaven (John 3:16). Unlike our pretend secret entrance that we may want to keep hidden from others, we need to tell everyone this news!

Discussion Questions

1. Can you name a friend you need to talk to about Jesus?

Play

Help your child list some impossible tasks. (Examples: jumping and remaining in the air, walking across the ocean to another continent, etc. End with forgiving our own sin.)

Say: God did not leave us without hope—He sent Jesus, who was the only One who could perform the impossible task of rescuing us from sin.

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

God, thank You for making a plan to rescue Your people from sin. Thank You for Jesus. Help us to obey You. When we don't, help us to stop sinning and turn back to You!