

Family Battle Plan

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

Week 3: Jesus

Middle School

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

From the beginning, God planned that Jesus would save people from their sins and sent Him at exactly the right time.

Teach

The one, fast food company that has perfected the drive-thru is Chick-fil-A. As you pull into the line, an employee approaches your car with a simple request, "What can we get you today?" With a smile, you list off some of your favorite items from the menu. After completing your order, you pay, and then you wait. That's right, you are forced to sit patiently until the appropriate time. For some of us, it feels like years go by in the drive-thru line. However, think about that special moment when they finally deliver on the promise they made when you first entered the line. When your food finally arrives, your heart (and your stomach) enjoys every moment!

Throughout the Old Testament, God continually promised, one day, Jesus Christ would come to Earth to offer salvation. People throughout history waited patiently for the day Jesus would appear. The promise made in Genesis finds its fulfillment in the Gospels of the New Testament when Jesus arrives. His purpose in His coming was to take away our sin, extend forgiveness, and make us a new creation. When we finally experience the gift of salvation, our hearts are full of joy!

Discussion Questions

Answers may vary. Allow this to be an encouraging family discussion.

- 1. What kind of joy did you feel when Jesus saved you? If you have never felt the joy of being saved by Jesus, is that something you would like to do right now?
- 2. Is there anyone you would like to share Jesus with this week?
- 3. What ways can you set yourself up to have an intentional conversation about Jesus with that person this week?

Play

Think of a moment when you were looking forward to something that hadn't happened yet. Maybe it was a new gift, a fun vacation, or a person you were looking forward to seeing. Share about the challenges in waiting patiently and share about the joy you felt when you got the full experience at the right time.

Sing

"What A Friend"

Live it Out

Take a moment to thank God for His plan to save people from their sins through Jesus. Ask Him to show you someone you can share Jesus with this week.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, give me the courage to share the Gospel with my lost friends. Give me clear opportunities to point my friends toward the saving work of Jesus—His death, burial, and resurrection. I want to tell everyone around me about Your love.