

ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

1 JOHN 3:1-10

Adopted into God's Family

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: God the Father has chosen us, and He desires to adopt us into His family. We don't need to remain as orphans, crying and hoping for the love and acceptance of a Father. Instead, we are loved by God and can receive from Him an immeasurable gift: adoption into His family..

PRESCHOOL



SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 1:1; 6:1,8; 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-5

LIVE IT OUT: Provide a simple advent calendar that your child will enjoy. Take time each day before Christmas to read the Bible and do an activity to make the coming of Christmas focus on Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah had a vision (dream). A prophet told people what God wanted them to know. In his vision, Isaiah saw God. God asked whom He could send to tell people God's messages. Isaiah told God to send him; he would go.

Isaiah told the people that God would give them a sign. A *sign* is "an action or event that points to something special." This sign would be a woman giving birth to a son whom she would name Immanuel (another name for Jesus).

Isaiah told that the child would be born for the people. The child would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. The child would bring peace and rule over the people with love.

KIDS



SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5; MICAH 5:2

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child search the Scriptures to read more about God's plan to send Jesus to be the Savior. Many prophets in the Bible wrote down these prophecies. God planned for Jesus from the beginning of time.

Isaiah was God's prophet. He told of God's promise to send the Savior. God told Isaiah what to tell people about the Savior. Isaiah said God would give the people a sign: a virgin would have a son and call Him Immanuel.

Isaiah told other names for the Savior: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace.

Isaiah explained that the Savior would come from the family of Jesse, King David's father. The Savior would be wise, understanding, strong, and a good judge.

Micah was another prophet who spoke God's message. Micah told the people where the Savior would be born. God promised that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem.

STUDENTS



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THE POINT: God, our perfect Father, loves us.

- When have you felt a strong sense of belonging?
- Do you find it hard or easy to love unconditionally? Explain.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to do one or both Live It Out activities in the Personal Study Guide. Here are some suggested ways to help your student:

*If he or she plans to complete **Don't Hide It:***

- Share your story of meeting Jesus with your student, and then guide him or her to do the same.

*If he or she plans to do **Who's Who:***

- Be intentional about asking your student if they've been praying for their friends who don't know Christ.

Discuss the following quote: "The Gospel is not a picture of adoption, adoption is a picture of the Gospel."¹ —John Piper

1. Chelsea Patterson, "Delighting in the Greater Adoption," The Gospel Coalition [online], 11 March 2014 [accessed 11 June 2015]. Available from the Internet: www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/delighting-in-the-greater-adoption