

# ONE CONVERSATION™

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

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

**JOHN 1:1-5,9-14**

*Saved by God's Son*

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** It's not always easy to determine the purpose of some things. Maybe you've even questioned your own purpose. One person who never questioned His purpose was Jesus. The apostle John began his account of Jesus' life by making sure his readers had a clear understanding of Jesus' purpose. Simply put, Jesus' purpose was to rescue us.

### PRESCHOOL



**SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:1-20**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Use time driving in the car or waiting in line to sing simple Christmas songs. Enjoy the tunes and words that make the Christmas season special. Tell your child that God sent Jesus because He loves us.

The king ordered all people to be counted. Joseph and Mary traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted.

While in Bethlehem, the couple had to stay in a place with animals. Mary had Baby Jesus. She wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger (feeding box for animals).

In the fields, shepherds watched their sheep. An angel appeared. The shepherds were afraid. The angel told the shepherds to not be afraid. The angel told the shepherds about the baby. More angels appeared and praised God.

The shepherds left for Bethlehem and found the baby, just as the angels said. When the shepherds left, they told everyone about the baby. The shepherds returned to the fields, praising God for what they had seen and heard.

### KIDS



**SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:1-20**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Help your child memorize Isaiah 9:6. This is one of the Life Verses for this unit. Focus on the names of Jesus used in this prophecy. Talk about how your child thinks these names apply to Jesus.

The king ordered that all the people be counted in the home town of their families to be counted. Joseph was from the family of David. He and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph discovered that there was no place for them to stay. Mary gave birth to Baby Jesus. She wrapped Him in soft cloths. She laid the baby in a manger.

Nearby shepherds watched over the sheep. An angel appeared and told the shepherds about the baby. More angels appeared and praised God.

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus, just as the angel said. The shepherds left, telling everyone they saw about the baby.

### STUDENTS



**JOHN 1:1-5,9-14**

**THE POINT:** Jesus came to earth to rescue us.

- What's your favorite movie about a rescue mission? Why?
- What's the difference between following Jesus and believing in God?

**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 **Rescued**:*

- Discuss with your student the relief that comes with being rescued.
- Talk about different times that he or she has felt rescued. Then, discuss how he or she has been rescued by God.

*If he or she plans to do **Rescue Plan**:*

- Guide him or her to walk you through their "rescue plan."
- Encourage and pray for your student while he or she is trying to show Jesus' love to friends and peers.

Discuss the following quote: "Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."<sup>1</sup> —John Newton

1. "John Newton > Quotes," Goodreads [online], [accessed 11 June 2015]. Available from the Internet: [www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/60149.John\\_Newton](http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/60149.John_Newton)