

THIS IS JESUS

UNIT ONE: THE MESSIAH NAMED JESUS PART 2: HE IS

Lesson 1: He Is the Gift

Dear Parents,

Hello! This week, we continue our Bible study called *This is Jesus*. The circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus have been told through every imaginable means. Yet the story continues to be told because it is so incredible: how Almighty God would send His Son to earth in the form of a baby with the mission of saving humanity from the penalty of their sins. The humble birth of this spectacular gift helps us understand that Jesus would defy expectations at every turn. The outcasts of society were intentionally chosen to be early proclaimers of the Good News. Students should be encouraged by this lesson to be modern-day proclaimers of the greatest gift of all time: Jesus.

LESSON OVERVIEW: This lesson helps students examine the truth that Jesus the Messiah is the greatest gift of all time. The events related to the birth of Jesus are reminders of how much God loves people. He sent His Son into the world to experience life as a man and to bring about salvation for all people because of His incredible love! By reading through Luke's account of Jesus' birth, students will learn more about who Jesus was sent for, the miraculous circumstances of His birth, and the One who sent Him.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO LEARN: The circumstances of Jesus' birth and His saving mission for all people.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Recognize God's gracious gift of love in Jesus' birth, and understand what that means for their relationship with God.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: Luke 2:1-28; Romans 6:23

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- When you consider God's gift of love, mercy, and grace for you, what is your response?
- Think about the shepherds in Luke 2. How does God's concern for lowly shepherds remind you of how important you are to Him?
- Jesus was born as a gift of grace. What is grace?
- How do you see our family extending grace? What are we doing well? How can we do better?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your student, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.