

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God gives people to guide us**, **God gives hope to guide us**, **God gives a Savior to guide us**, and **God gives direction to guide us**.

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

God gives people to guide us.

Luke 1:5–25, 57–66; Matthew 3:1–6

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray that God would help you be open to correction, encouragement, and growth through the mentors and leaders around you.

GROW

So what's your next step? Who has God placed in your life to help guide you in your faith? Are you open to seeking guidance, or do you sometimes resist it? Is there someone in your life who looks to you for guidance? How can you encourage or support them? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

God gives hope to guide us.

Luke 1:26–38; James 5:7–11

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray and ask God to fill you with hope, even in uncertain times.

GROW

So what's your next step? Where in your life do you need to hold on to hope when you don't see the whole picture? What can you do to remind yourself of God's faithfulness in the past? Who in your life needs encouragement to keep hoping in God's plans? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 God gives a Savior to guide us.

Luke 2:1–20; Isaiah 7:10–16

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray and ask for God's help to recognize and follow Jesus in every situation.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you make space to seek Jesus' guidance this week? Who in your life needs to hear about the hope Jesus brings? How can you reflect the love of the Savior through your words and actions? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 God gives direction to guide us.

Matthew 2:1–12; Matthew 2:13–23

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray and thank God for always leading the way with wisdom and love.

GROW

So what's your next step? Where in your life do you need God's direction right now? How are you making space to listen for guidance through prayer, God's words, or wise counsel? What step of obedience can you take today? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.