

# ENGAGE THE FAMILY

## DEVOTION GUIDELINES

1. Keep it short and interactive.
2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

## READ TOGETHER

Colossians 1:15-16 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Isaiah 9:6 “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Hebrews 2:14-15 “Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”

## TALK TOGETHER.

1. What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received? Share what this gift is and why it is special to you.
2. What does Colossians 1:15-16 and Isaiah 9:6 say about Jesus Christ? What was the reason for His birth?
3. What was His mission and what did it take for Him to accomplish this? (Hebrews 2:14-15, John 3:16)
4. **How will you respond to God's** extraordinary gift of grace, freedom and life in Jesus Christ? (John 3:16, Isaiah 9:6)

## CONVICTION

Jesus is God's extraordinary gift to us, I will receive His love and share Him with others.

## APPLICATION

Who are the people on your Christmas gift list? What is the best gift and expression of love that you can give to them? How will you share the life-saving news of Jesus' birth to your family and friends as you celebrate Christmas today?

## PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, we are blessed beyond measure by the love and peace that You constantly bring to our lives. Empower us to love others and share with them the gift of salvation and extraordinary life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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