

# FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 2

**Materials Needed:** White paper (2 pcs), muffin tin or bowl

**Need to Know:** God Has a Plan

**Bible Story:** An Angel Appears to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)



## CIRCLE UP

*Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.*

### DO

Have each family member answer these two questions:

- Would you rather build a snowman or have a snowball fight?
- Would you rather eat Christmas cookies or drink hot chocolate?

### SAY

Those all sound like fun things we can plan on doing this winter! Today, what we need to know is that our best plans are not even close to the amazing plans God has for us! Sending Jesus to Earth was part of God's special plan, and it's why we celebrate Christmas! Let me hear you say this after me:

**God Has** (both hands point up)

**A Plan** (palms up in front of body)

## WATCH

*Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.*

### ASK your Elementary Schooler:

How did Joseph feel when he first found out that Mary was going to have a baby? (Not happy, worried, upset)

Did Joseph feel upset at this news because he had a cold or because this wasn't what he had planned? (This wasn't what he had planned)

Who did God send to tell Joseph that God had a better plan? (An angel) Yes! God sent an angel to tell Joseph about His special plan for this baby to change the world!

### ASK your Preschooler:

Did God send an angel to tell Mary she would have a special party or a special baby? (Special baby)

Did the angel tell Mary this was something anyone could do or something only God could do? (Only God could do)

Did Mary and Elizabeth think God can do anything? (Yes) Yes! God can do anything!

# HAVE FUN TOGETHER

*From tossing snowballs to praying together, we can learn that God has a good plan for us!*

- DO** Crumple **paper** into two "snowballs." Place a **muffin tin** or **bowl** on the floor. Allow each family member two chances to toss the snowball into the tin/bowl. After each person's turn, discuss one of the following questions as a family.
- Do you think God is ever surprised by the things that happen in our lives? (No) Because God knows everything, He's never surprised by anything! We can trust that no matter what happens, God has a good plan for our lives!
  - Can God use things that seem bad for good? (Yes) Yes! God promises that He's working things out for the good of those who love Him, even the bad things.
  - What can you read to find out more about God's plans? (The Bible) That's right! The Bible shows us the right way to live and the good plans that God has for us!
  - Who can you talk to when you don't know if God's plans are good? (Allow responses) You can always talk to God. You can talk to any of your leaders at church, and you can talk to anyone who follows Jesus!
  - Who do we celebrate at Christmas? Here's a hint: His name starts with the "J" sound. (Allow responses) Jesus! God sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth as part of His big plan to show us how much He loves us!
  - Who does God have a plan for? (You, me, everyone) That's right! God has a plan for you, your family, your friends, and everyone.

- SAY** No matter what is happening around us, we can trust God by believing that He has a plan and that His plans are good! Let me hear you say this one more time:
- God Has** (both hands point up)  
**A Plan** (palms up in front of body)

- SAY** God has a good plan, and that's why He sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Jesus is the best gift ever! There's a verse we can remember that will help us say thank you to God for doing such a wonderful thing for us. Say it after me:
- "Thanks be** (wave hands in air)  
**to God** (both hands point up)  
**for His gift** (pretend to rock a baby)  
**that is too wonderful** (wiggle fingers up high)  
**for words."** (cup hands around mouth)  
**2 Corinthians 9:15** (make book with hands)

- PRAY** Father God, I'm so glad you had a perfect plan to send Jesus to Earth to save us! Help us remember that You always have a good plan for our lives! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!