

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

PSALM 119:17-20

The Worthwhile Focus

PRESCHOOL



LUKE 2:1-20

LIVE IT OUT: Emphasize that God sent Jesus. Keep the focus of Christmas on Jesus. Read the account of Jesus' birth from Luke 2. Provide other books that focus on the birth of Jesus for your child to read and enjoy.

The leader of their country decided to count the people in the land. Every person had to go to their hometown to be counted.

Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown. Bethlehem was crowded, and they could not find a place to stay.

When they found a place to stay, Baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in soft cloths and laid Him in a manger.

An angel appeared to shepherds and said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news! A baby was born in Bethlehem. He is God's Son. You will find Him lying in a manger."

Many angels appeared. They praised God and said, "Glory to God in heaven and peace on earth!"

The angels left, and the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem and see the baby. They found Mary and Joseph and the baby, too. They praised God for Baby Jesus.

KIDS



LUKE 2:1-20

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child memorize Luke 2:11, the memory verse for this week. Discuss the meaning of verse, who spoke it, and to whom it was spoken. Pray with your child, thanking God for sending Jesus.

The Roman king wanted to count all the people in his kingdom. Each person had to go to his family's home town to be counted. So Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem.

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, Mary had the baby. She wrapped Him tightly in soft cloths. She laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

An angel appeared to shepherds. The shepherds were afraid! "Don't be afraid," said the angel. "I have great news that will bring joy to everyone. Today in Bethlehem a Savior was born for you. You will find the baby lying in a manger."

Then, many angels appeared. They praised God.

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found the baby just as the angel said. The shepherds told everyone they met about what happened. Everyone was amazed.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: God's Word allows me to stand in a world of opposition.

- Why do courageous people inspire us?
- What are some wonderful things you have seen in God's Word?
- What are the positives and negatives of living as a "stranger on earth?"
- What opposition do Christ-followers face today?

Discuss the following quote: "There is nothing wrong with dedication and goals, but if you focus on yourself, all the lights fade away and you become a fleeting moment in life."¹—Pete Maravich

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Help your student identify his or her influences and develop a plan to guard against negative, ungodly ones.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student each morning which Scripture passage will help him or her to stand courageously.
- **CULTURE:** Help your student to see Christ's love and strength throughout opposition.

1. "Pete Maravich Quotes," BrainyQuote [online], [accessed 1 May 2016]. Available from the Internet: http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/pete_maravich.html.