

# THE HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

GENESIS 12:3; 2 SAMUEL 7:12-13; ZECHARIAH 9:9;  
ISAIAH 7:14; MATTHEW 1:1; LUKE 1:26-33



## LEARN THE WORD

### Luke 2:10-11

*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

- God promised to send a Savior who would come from the family of Abraham and King David.
- Jesus fulfilled God's promises to save us from our sin when He died on the cross in our place then rose from the grave to conquer death.

## WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

## OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if your friend says that he heard Jesus was just a good person who helped others? He wasn't really God.

### What could you say?

*If Jesus wasn't God then His death wouldn't have saved us from our sins. But the Bible makes it clear that Jesus was the promised Savior, the Son of God. He didn't have a human father like we do. The angel told Mary that she would have a baby by the power of the Holy Spirit. God tells us in the Old Testament that the coming King, the Savior, would be born of a virgin. And that's exactly what happened! God kept His promise, and Jesus was born just how God said He would be. Jesus was fully God, so He didn't sin, and He was fully man, so He could die in our place.*

**Activity:** What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary? Starting with the letter A, write down every other letter on the letter wheel in the blanks below.

And the angel said to her, “Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ Mary, for you have found \_\_\_\_\_ with God. And behold, you will \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a son, and you shall call his name \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Luke 1:30-31**



# HOMEWORD

FOR PARENTS

In the book of Genesis, God promised to send a Savior who would defeat Satan (Genesis 3:15). God told Abraham that the Savior would come from his descendants (Genesis 12:1-3). Hundreds of years later, God’s promise passed to David, who was told his descendant would establish an eternal kingdom (2 Samuel 7:12-13). God also told prophets about the coming Savior. God said that the Messiah would be a righteous and humble king, bringing salvation (Zechariah 9:9). He would be born of a virgin and called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14). The child would inherit the throne of His father David (Isaiah 9:7).

The Israelites waited expectantly for 400 years without another message from God. Then in the town of Nazareth in Galilee, an angel appeared to a young woman, Mary, with a message from God. Mary was chosen to bear the Son of God! When Mary asked how this could happen since she was a virgin, the angel told her that her Son would be conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary responded with humble obedience (Luke 1:26-38). God chose Mary and Joseph to be the earthly parents of the Savior, Jesus. They were both descended from Abraham and David (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38), making Jesus the promised descendant who would bless all nations and establish an eternal kingdom.

Jesus demonstrates God’s great love to us (Romans 5:8). By dying on the cross and rising from the dead, Jesus provided salvation. Because of Him, we have the hope of forgiveness and eternal life with God. This is the message of Christmas that we must remember and share with others, not just at Christmas but throughout the year!