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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." – Philippians 2:9 (NIV)

JANUARY 5TH

This week, kids learn about the extra-ordinary boy **Jesus at the temple**.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus is one of a kind.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 2:41–52
- **ASK:**
 - **When you look in the mirror, what do you see that makes you one of a kind?** Hair color, eye color, freckles, smile.
Why did Jesus' family travel to Jerusalem? To celebrate a special holiday called Passover.
 - **Where was Jesus when his parents were looking for him?**
 - He was at the temple learning from teachers and asking questions.
Why is Jesus one of a kind? He's God's son, he loved learning about God, he already knew so much about God, he followed his parents, he grew strong and wise.
- **CHALLENGE:** Spend time as a family talking about what makes you all the same but also what makes you all different. Use this as a chance to point out characteristics about your kid that you love to them! Remind that the biggest thing that makes Jesus one of a kind is that he didn't sin like we do and yet he chose to come to Earth and save us!
- **TIPS FOR TALKING ABOUT SIN WITH YOUR KIDS**
 - In Northview Kids, we like to use this definition: **Sin is the choices I make that don't show love to God or love to others. Sin is the choices I make that directly disobey or don't follow God.**
 - When we define sin this way, it encourages the following.
 - It encourages your kids to see sin as personal.
 - It avoids using the word "bad" and turning sin into an identity crisis (example: Because I sinned, I am a bad person.) We all sin

and fall short of the glory of God, but in his grace, he can make us new again!

- Sin is not a “accidental mistake” – sin is a choice! We choose to follow God, or we choose not to follow God. It’s okay to make mistakes. It’s not okay to directly disobey.

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This week, kids learn that **Jesus was baptized** to obey God's extra-ordinary plan.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus is humble.
- **BIBLE:** Matthew 3:13–17
- **ASK:**
 - Who baptized people in the Jordan River? John.
 - Who asked John to baptize him even though he was God's son? Jesus.
 - What happened when Jesus came out of the water? There was a bright light and a dove, and God's voice said Jesus was God's son.
 - What is the word we use for someone who doesn't think they're better than everyone and doesn't show off? Humble.
 - How can we be humble like Jesus? By letting someone else take a turn before you, sharing toys with someone else, or asking for help.
- **CHALLENGE:** Spend this week modeling humility for your kids and pointing out moments you see them being humble. Be a good sport - when you play a game, compliment them on what they're doing well and show them how to handle a win or a loss with grace. Say you're sorry - show your child that it's okay to admit when you've made a mistake and apologize! Listen more than you speak – when your child is sharing something, put your full attention on them to show that you're listening to them!



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This week, kids learn how **Jesus** stayed true to God in the most extra-ordinary way in the wilderness.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus trusted God.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 4:1–13
- **ASK:**
 - **How long was Jesus in the wilderness for?** 40 days.
 - **How many times was Jesus tempted?** Three times.
 - **What did Jesus say each time the devil tempted him?** He said no! He trusted God.
 - **How did Jesus trust God?** He listened to God's words even when the devil tried to tempt him with things that looked good.
 - **How can you trust God?** Reading your Bible and remembering how much God loves you and takes care of you.
- **CHALLENGE:** Play a game of trust with your kids! Consider a trust fall where they must willingly fall back into your arms and trust you will catch them. Consider setting up an obstacle course in your house. Then blindfold them and lead them through the course with just your voice! Consider having your kid sit on a small blanket on the floor. While holding the corners, pull them gently around the room like they are on a magic carpet. Vary the speed and direction to make it extra fun!
- **CHALLENGE:** Talk with your kid about why you trust God! Kids are more inclined to trust the people around them based on their character. Talk about the character of God that helps you trust him (ex: his love, his grace, his forgiveness, his steadfastness, his patience).

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JANUARY 25TH

This week, kids learn that **Jesus** invited his disciples to do extra-ordinary things.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus calls us to follow.
- **BIBLE:** Matthew 4:13–23
- **ASK:**
 - **What were the men in our story doing before they followed Jesus?** They were fishing.
Do you remember any of the names of the fishermen who followed Jesus? Simon, Andrew, James, and John.
 - **What special thing did Jesus ask the fishermen to do?**
 - Jesus told them to follow him, and they would fish for people.
How were they going to fish for people? Jesus and his friends would tell others about God and help people who were in need, like people who were sick or lonely.
 - **How can you follow Jesus?** Coming to church, reading your Bible, praying and talking to God.
- **CHALLENGE:** Make a "Team Jesus" banner with your kids to hang in your house. Talk about how what it means to be on Jesus' team and ask your kids to draw pictures of things they can do to show they are on "Team Jesus". (For example: helping a friend who is sad, sharing a toy, praying, giving a gift to someone who is sick). Explain that even though we can't see Jesus like the disciples, we can still follow him by showing kindness and love to others!