



CONNECT IN COMMUNITY

Start a conversation with your group. Choose 1-2 questions to discuss together:

- Be honest with your group: **what is the gift you're chasing this year:** comfort, security, approval, or just more stuff? Something else? Scripture reminds us that real comfort and peace don't come from things, they come from a person: Jesus. **How are you feeling prompted to connect with Jesus in this season?**
- Christmas isn't about what we wanted, it's about what God knew we needed. **What about this season of life has been reminding you of your need for Jesus (maybe a challenging situation, maybe an emotion that has been very present)?** Practice expressing your need for and dependence upon Jesus.
- **Which of the following invitations do you want to step into this Christmas season?**
 - Be open to the unexpected.
 - Look for God in the normal stuff.
 - Loosen your grip on your expectations.
 - Trust God's timing and His way.
- Where have you seen **God's goodness** lately? Where do you see God at work in your life and the lives around you?

FAMILY MOMENT: Start your Move Group time or mealtime by **including your kids in some of this conversation.** Stick to **one question** and have kids listen and share, too.

CONNECT UP WITH GOD

Use the **BREAD** tool (**b**e still, **r**ead, **e**ncounter, **a**pply, **d**evote) to engage in scripture:

Suggested passages: Luke 2:1-21

- Take a moment to **BE STILL** before reading a passage of scripture together.
- **READ** the passage and then have someone put it in their **own words**.
- **ENCOUNTER** God in His word:
 - What **stands out** to you? Why?
 - What does this text say about **God**? What does it say about **people**?
 - What are you doing or believing that is in **opposition** to this scripture?
- **APPLY** this scripture to your life:
 - How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days?
 - What will look different in your life because of what you just read?
 - **Create an “I will” statement.**
- **DEVOTE** yourself to living this out:
 - What **stands in the way** of you really applying this? As a group, how will you **hold one another accountable**?
 - **Pray together** as you devote yourselves to these active steps of response to God. Include your kids in your prayer time and pray about what was shared. Invite everyone to have a voice during your time in prayer.

FAMILY MOMENT: *Read the scripture from a kid-friendly Bible. After the reading is finished, have the kids draw a picture or build something with Legos about what stood out to them. (This can be done during adult conversation) After adult discussion time, have kids share their pictures or builds with the adults. Eventually, you can do the same with other questions.*

CONNECT OUT MISSIONALLY

There are many ways to be near to those far from God, but here are just a few examples of ways to actively live this out as a group:

- Spend time regularly discussing and praying for individuals and the mission God has called them to. **Who specifically has God called each person to love and serve?** Encourage each other, hold each other accountable, pray, and help each other connect with those far from God.
- Host gatherings where people can **invite others who are far from God.**
- **Serve a cause together** that is important to one or more group members.
- Participate in **serving a need in your community** (meet a tangible need of the homeless population, serve in the foster care system, tutor a child, give financially to organizations providing resources for those facing addiction).

Include your kids when you serve or live missionally. Have conversations about why you are loving others and how it points people towards Jesus.