

RESPOND//15 minutes



Children respond to what the Holy Spirit is teaching them as they reflect on the day's portion of The Big God Story, engage in relationship, and create meaningful pieces of art individually or together.

Reflect: Jesus Is The Promise

Encourage the kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS

- Why did God send His Son, Jesus, to earth? John 3:16
- What happened when Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem?
- Who came to visit Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus?
- What is one promise of God we can hold on to today?
- How do you know God is with you today?
- How do you want to worship and celebrate Jesus this Christmas?

QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS

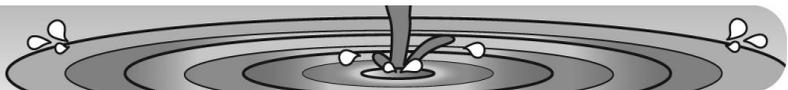
- Why did God send His Son, Jesus, to earth? John 3:16
- What happened when Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem?
- Who visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus after His birth?
- How was the way that Jesus was born different from what the Israelites expected?
- What does *Immanuel* mean? Matthew 1:23
- What is one promise of God we can hold on to today?
- How do you know God is with you today?
- How do you want to worship and celebrate Jesus this Christmas?

Remembering God's Promises

RELATE

God had a plan to redeem His people and to restore the relationship He had with them in the garden of Eden. God promised to do this, and when God makes a promise, He keeps it. The Bible is full of God's promises. What are some of the promises God made to His people in The Big God Story? To you? How has God kept His promises to His people and in your life?

BLESS//5 minutes



Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

SUPPLIES

- Remember Verse cards (see Resources)
- At Home Weekly: Lesson 4 (see Resources)
- Bible

RELATE

Invite the kids to stand in a circle, hands down at their sides. Then open a Bible and read 1 John 2:25:

And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

Encourage each child to turn to a friend and hold her hand while they repeat 1 John 2:25. After each child has shared the verse say:

May you celebrate this week that Jesus is The Promise. May you know His great love for you.

Send home Remember Verse cards and the At Home Weekly with your kids.