

**Going Further**  
**For the week of Dec. 24, 2023**  
**Questions and Scriptures for further study**

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1. Read Isaiah 11. The passage begins by describing the “branch” who would come as king. What is this king like? Describe his character and why this is important for a king who will reign forever.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In vs. 6-16 we are given a description of the kingdom this king brings. What does this prophecy say will happen? How does that give you hope for what is to come in the future?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In vs. 1, this king is called a “branch” that comes from the stump of Jesse. In vs. 10 he is called the “Root of Jesse.” What do each of these names tell us about Jesus? How are they related and how do they differ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Jesus did not come to make slight alterations to our lifestyle. He calls us to live in and for a completely different kingdom. As you study what Jesus’ kingdom is like in this passage, how can you express the reality that you live for a different kingdom than the kingdoms of our world in your life?

**Family Devo:** Read Isaiah 11:6-9 together. As a family, talk about how this description of Jesus’ kingdom is different from our world today. Do you want this kingdom to come? As a family, how can you live to bring this kingdom more into our world?