

# Christmas Family Devotion

## GETTING STARTED

1. Share about your favorite Christmas memory? Who were you with and what made it so special?
2. If you could give someone any gift for Christmas, who would you give it to and what would it be?

## FROM THE SERMON

3. Read Luke 1:67-70. "Horn" (v. 69) is a common Old Testament metaphor for power because of the great strength of the horned animals of the Near East. The word "salvation" describes the kind of strength Zechariah had in mind as he prophesized. The power of salvation resides in Jesus! What does this great gift mean to you?
4. Read Luke 1:71-75. How has the Lord delivered you from enemies? How would you like the Lord to help you today? Remember these requests so that you can pray for each later on.
5. Read Luke 1:76-79. We might have expected that Zechariah's song would be all about his little boy. He surprised us by beginning with the Messiah whom God was about to send. But he was very pleased about John, and in this part of his song he prophesies the child's future. He addresses him directly and says that he will be called *the prophet of the Most High*. Talk about why you are grateful for family and tell each person what they add to the family. What makes our church a great spiritual family to belong to? How has Jesus been a way of peace in your life this year?

## NEXT STEPS

6. Please take time to pray together.