

## MONDAY: Jesus Christ

Can the birth of one baby change the world? Yes—if that baby is Jesus. He was no ordinary baby.

In the true story of the coming of Jesus, we learn about Joseph, Mary, and the angel Gabriel as well as others. However, the most important person in the story is Jesus Christ.

A prophet named Isaiah wrote about Jesus about seven hundred years before He was born. Read Isaiah 9:6–7. What are the key words Isaiah uses to describe the child who would be born?

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In America, when you meet someone, it's common to ask what they do. A person might describe himself or herself as a student, a teacher, a bank teller, an engineer, or a chief financial officer of a business. These titles tell us something about what a person does. All of us are far more than what we do but understanding the words we use to describe ourselves gives others insight into who we are and what we are like.

What are titles that describe who you are now? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are titles that may one day describe you? \_\_\_\_\_

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This week we will spend time on the titles Isaiah uses to describe Jesus, seven hundred years before Jesus was born.

## TUESDAY: Wonderful Counselor

We all face times in life when we don't know what to do. Sometimes we have a decision to make and we don't know how to decide.

In giving us the gift of Jesus Christ, God gave us a Savior who can take away our sins. But that's not all. Isaiah calls Jesus the most Wonderful Advisor.

*Wonderful* means "extremely good." *Advisor* is another word for *counselor*, which means "someone trained to give guidance." What are a few things in your life it would be helpful to talk over with someone who could listen and give you wise advice?

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Have you ever tried to talk to someone when you really want their help, only to find that they are not listening or don't understand? How did this experience make you feel?

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Here are two reasons Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor:

1. **Jesus, as God, is all wise.**

What two things does Isaiah 11:2 say the Spirit will help the Messiah to be? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Jesus, as a human, understands what we go through.**

Read Hebrews 4:15. How can Jesus identify with us? How was he different from us?

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How does it help you to know that Jesus understands everything we face on this earth?

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## WEDNESDAY: Mighty God

Joseph, the man who was engaged to Mary, may have been named after the Joseph we will learn about at the end of Genesis. The Joseph in Genesis had an important job. Joseph, Jesus's earthly father, also had an important job to do.

Let's call the Joseph in Genesis Joseph 1. Jesus's earthly father we will call Joseph 2. God used Joseph 1 to keep God's chosen people of Israel alive. Because Joseph 1 did the job God wanted him to do, the family that Jesus would come from stayed alive. God used Joseph 2 to keep Jesus alive when Jesus was just a baby.

Joseph 1 was also known for having dreams that told him what would happen. What does Matthew 1:20–23 say happened to Joseph 2 in a dream? What did he find out was going to happen?

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The angel told Joseph 2 that the baby who was coming would have two names: (1) *Jesus*, which means "Savior," and (2) *Immanuel*, which means "God with us." Jesus in human form was still God. Jesus, as God, wants to be with us.

Jesus would not only be "God with us" but would also save us from sin, making a way for us to be with God forever.

What difference does it make to your life that God stepped into history as a baby who came to make a way for us to connect with God forever?

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The title Isaiah used for Jesus is *Mighty God*. Babies are helpless and weak. That seems the opposite of mighty since they have no power and no strength. Jesus as baby would grow up to become the warrior who would crush death and destroy sin, Satan, and death. That is a lot of might!

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## THURSDAY: Everlasting Father

What comes to your mind when you think of the word *father*? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Father* is a word that means different things to different people. For some people, thinking about their earthly father is painful. If you have known a father who was abusive or absent, do not carry over those thoughts when you hear God is our Father.

All of us can imagine a perfect father—one who would love us deeply, lead us well, and provide for us. God is that kind of father. What does God promise His children in Hebrews 13:5?

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An earthly father can't promise what God can promise because earthly fathers can't be with us all the time and will one day die. But God is everywhere at once, and God will never die. Do you think God is a good Father? Why or Why not?

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Some people believe God is a good Father, but they don't think God will be good to *them*. Sometimes we think this because we know how sinful we are and how holy (without sin) God is. What are the reasons you sometimes wonder if God will be good to you?

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Read Proverbs 3:5–6. If we lean to our own understanding about God as our father, we will never really understand God. What does Proverbs 3:5–6 say we should do instead of depending on our own understanding? What does this verse say God will do if we trust Him?

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## FRIDAY: Prince of Peace

We need peace in two key areas:

1. Any time two groups are at war, they need peace. We, as humans, are at war with God. The war started when Adam and Eve followed Satan's direction and rebelled against God. The decision Adam and Eve made has been followed up by more decisions every time we chose to go our own way instead of going God's way.

Instead of writing humans off, God sends His own Son as the Prince to end the war and restore the relationship between humans and God.

Read Romans 5:1. What does this verse say we can have because of Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus came to make a way for us to no longer be enemies of God. We can be made right with God if we have faith (believe) in the death and resurrection of Jesus as the payment for our own sin. We have peace when we are no longer enemies with God.

2. We also need Jesus as the Prince Who Brings Peace because it is easy for us to get anxious and upset about life. What are some things in life that make you feel anxious, fearful, or unsettled?

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According to John 14:27, what did Jesus tell his follower about peace right before He died on the cross?

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Often in life we try to lose ourselves in work or friends or entertainment. We do that because we want to forget for a minute about the things that make us anxious, afraid, and sad. Do distractions ever bring lasting peace? Please explain.

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