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Family Connections

A quarterly letter for connecting with families who have children in 1st & 2nd grades at <Type your church or children's ministry name here>

Welcome to Family Connections—the quarterly newsletter that helps you know what your child is learning from God's Word. Please let us know if we can help you in any way as we partner with you to grow kids in Jesus.

Family Thought

Who is Jesus? The Bible tells us He spoke tender words of love, but He also spoke powerful words of healing. Who is Jesus to your family? He tenderly loves each member of your family, but He is also powerful enough to take care of your family in the tough times.

Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:

- Jesus Was Born
- Who Jesus Is
- Jesus Is Our Example

Family Memory Challenge

Bible verses your child will be learning this quarter include:

- Luke 2:11
- Hebrews 13:8
- John 15:12, 14

Help your child find each unit's Bible Memory in a family Bible. As you read the verses together, encourage your child to make up motions to go along with the words. You and your child can also have fun singing the Bible Memory by creating simple tunes or using tunes you know that fit the words. Practice the verse daily with your child, reminding them of the importance of hiding God's Word in their hearts.

Growing Together

Whether you live where the snow is falling or the sun is shining, your family will enjoy making "ice cream in a bag." Follow the instructions below to enjoy some family fun!

- Combine 1 tablespoon sugar, ½ cup half-n-half, and ¼ teaspoon vanilla in a pint-size resealable bag and seal tightly.
- Combine some ice and ½ cup rock salt in a gallon resealable bag.
- Place the small bag inside the larger bag and seal tightly.
- Shake the bag until the mixture turns into ice cream, about 5 minutes.

While shaking the bags, play some fun games. See who can name the most facts about Jesus' birth. Ask each other questions about what happened to Jesus when He was 12 years old. Hum the first few notes of a song about Jesus and see who can guess the name of the song. When the ice cream is ready, thank God for the yummy treat and dig in.

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