

Preschool
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WINTER

Family Connections

A quarterly letter for connecting with families of
children ages 3 to 6 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 together to grow kids in Jesus.

Family Thought

The fact that God came to live among and teach people elicits our praise and motivates us to follow Him with grateful hearts. Share with your family your excitement for following Jesus. Together, praise and thank God.

Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:

- Jesus Was a Special Baby
- Jesus Teaches Me
- Everyone Can Follow Jesus

Growing Together

Every day brings the potential for something out of the ordinary to happen in your family—a new neighbor, a special event in town, a forgotten appointment, a change in the weather, a family emergency. Preparing for the unexpected can help families get through such situations without chaos occurring. Role-play with your family what to do when something unusual happens. Play family games that prepare young children for staying together, such as having everyone hold onto a rope to play Follow the Leader. Talk about what to do and people who can help in emergency situations. Plan "surprises" that allow your family to experience fun changes in routine.

Jesus' coming to earth was out of the ordinary and a surprise to many people. But His coming brought peace into a chaotic world. Jesus can bring the same peace to your family as you rely on Him in every situation.

Family Memory Challenge

Bible verses your child will be learning this quarter include:

- Luke 2:10, 11
- John 14:23
- Matthew 4:19

Find each unit's passage in a family Bible. Print each passage on a separate sheet of paper. Tape the papers inside the pages of a newspaper. Each day, turn to one of the "news passages" and repeat God's good news together.

For more family fun, go to www.heartshaper.com and download the free weekly family pages for your child's age level.