

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## John 14:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

<sup>7</sup> "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.  
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



## The Christ of Christmas—1



## THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What does God's messenger do?

## MEMORY VERSE

### Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace,  
Who brings glad tidings of good *things*,  
Who proclaims salvation,  
Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: What is a prophet? What did the prophets say God would do? Why is what they said important?

Day 2: What is a virgin? What did the prophet say the virgin would have? Why is that strange? What would the virgin's son do?

Day 3: Whose line did the prophets say the Savior would come from? What would he do for all people? What is salvation? Why do we need salvation?

Day 4: Where would the Savior be born? What was special about Bethlehem? Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem instead of where his parents lived?

Day 5: Whom would God send before the Savior came? What would that person do? What is our shame? Who was the prophet who came before Jesus? How do we know John was the one who was to come first?

Day 6: How do we know Jesus is the Son of God? Why do people reject Jesus? Why is life better when we obey Jesus?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: What is a prophet? What is a virgin? What did the prophet say the virgin would have? Whose line did the prophets say the Savior would come from? Where would the Savior be born? Who would God send before the Savior came? How do we know Jesus is the Son of God?

Prayer: Thank God for telling the prophets about the coming of the Savior and the signs of his coming. Thank God that we can know Jesus and be sure that he is the Son of God because of the miracles he did and the prophecy he fulfilled.

Application: Share with someone what the prophets said about the Messiah.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

# #C1

## What does God's messenger do?



God's messenger faithfully shares  
God's truth.

## Day 1 Draw a picture of a prophet.

Long ago God's prophets  
foretold of Jesus' birth,  
That the Father up above  
would send a Savior to the earth.  
The prophets promised many signs  
the Savior's birth would show,  
So when God's Son came to earth  
the people'd surely know.

What does the verse mean?

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2 Peter 1:19: <sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

## Day 6 Draw a picture of you and Jesus.

The prophecies have been fulfilled  
but people still reject God's Son.  
They don't want to bow to Jesus;  
they don't believe he is the One.  
The hearts of men are hard and dark,  
they don't want to go God's way.  
They can't see that life is better,  
when Jesus they obey.

What does the verse mean?

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John 3:19-20: <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

## Day 5 Draw a picture of Jesus and John the Baptist.

Another prophet God would send  
before the Savior came  
He'd prepare the hearts of men  
by speaking of their shame.  
Jesus said that John  
was the one the Father sent.  
And in order to be baptized  
it was to John that Jesus went.

What does the verse mean?

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Malachi 4:5-6: <sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

## Day 2 Draw a picture of Mary and Angel Gabriel.

Isaiah said a virgin  
would have a baby boy.  
He would save God's people  
and fill their hearts with joy.  
Jesus' mother was a virgin;  
she hadn't been a wife.  
And so the Holy Spirit  
was the one who gave Christ life.

What does the verse mean?

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Isaiah 7:14: <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

## Day 3

Draw a picture of King David playing a harp.

The Savior'd be of David,  
a good and faithful king.  
Salvation to all people  
is the gift that he would bring.  
Jesus' royal lineage  
fulfilled the prophet's sign,  
As both Mary and good Joseph  
were from King David's line

What does the verse mean?

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Jeremiah 23:5: <sup>5</sup> "Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

## Day 4

Draw a picture of the town of Bethlehem.

The Savior would be born  
in King David's own hometown.  
So Bethlehem would be the place  
the baby would be found.  
Jesus' earthly parents  
lived in Nazareth far away.  
But by the king's decree  
they were in Bethlehem that day.

What does the verse mean?

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Micah 5:2: <sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting."