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*-Matthew 1:21*

# FAMILY DISCUSSION

Share God's Word and the power of the Gospel with your children. Help your kids find the verses and follow along.

Have you wondered why something is the way it is?  
What is something you have asked "Why" about?

We wonder about many things, but one thing we don't need to wonder about is why God sent the promised Savior, Jesus Christ, to Earth. Let's read about it in Matthew.

Can you help me find Matthew chapter 1, verse 21? Matthew is the first book in the New Testament and is one of the four Gospels.

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Younger kids can memorize this part of the verse.

This verse in Matthew tells us God sent Jesus to Earth to save us from our sin. Not long after His birth, Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. There was a godly man named Simeon who had been waiting to see the promised Savior. When Simeon saw Jesus, he held Him and thanked God for keeping His greatest promise. Let's read what Simeon said.

Can you help me find Luke chapter 2, verses 29-32? Luke is one of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

**"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel."** — *Luke 2:29-32*



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### Choose what works:

**Little Kids:** Print off this week's coloring page before beginning the family discussion to keep little fingers busy while you read!

**Big Kids:** Help your big kids learn more about the word "salvation" this week! Check out the "Study" option on the family fun guide for this and other activities!

Simeon said Jesus came to save two groups of people: the Israelites and the Gentiles. Simeon knew Jesus was the promised Savior whom God sent to His people, the Israelites. But Simeon knew Jesus was also the Savior for the Gentiles, people who were not Abraham’s descendants. That means He came to save anyone who trusts in Him, no matter what family you belong to!

Simeon knew that **when Jesus Christ came to Earth as a baby**, He fulfilled God’s promises to His people to send a Savior who would **save them from their sins**.

From the time Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, sin has separated us from God. But because God loves us so much, He sent Jesus so we could be forgiven and have a relationship with Him.

Jesus grew up, lived a perfect life, and loved, served and taught the people around Him. And then, He died on the cross as the perfect sacrifice to pay the price of our sins, removing the separation between us and God. Jesus came to save His people, just like God had promised.

Have you received  
God’s gift of salvation?

For a guide to discussing this with your child, see the “Think” section.

After Jesus died, He came back to life! Before He went up into heaven, His disciples asked when Jesus would start His perfect kingdom on Earth. Jesus told them that only the Father knew the day or time. But one day, He will come again and reign as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He will be with us and make all things perfect and new (Revelation 21:3-5). The promised Savior, Jesus Christ, is coming again. **And He’s coming soon.**

# PRAY

Praying together is a great way to grow closer together as a family! A sample prayer is provided below. You can find additional prayer options on this week’s family fun guide!

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending Jesus to the world to save sinners. Thank you for providing a way for us to have a relationship with you. We look forward to the day when you will come back and we can spend eternity with you. Amen.



# MEMORIZE

Spend time memorizing this week’s question, answer, and verse. See the family fun guide for additional memorization activities!

*Question:* Why did Jesus come to Earth?

*Answer:* To save us from our sin.

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# THINK

This family discussion might have brought up a few questions. We've provided this guide to help you navigate these important conversations with your family.



## What does it mean to be a Christian?

Jesus came into this world to save sinners; He offers salvation, rescuing us from our sin, to everyone who trusts in Him as their Savior. People who trust Jesus Christ as their Savior are called Christians. **Here's what it means to be a Christian in three words: Belong, Believe, Become.**

**Belong:** Being a Christian means you belong to God, the Creator of the world who made you and loves you. You also get to be part of a community of people who know and love Jesus!

**Believe:** When you believe as a Christian, it means to place your trust in Jesus, to know that you are saved from sin only by what Jesus has done, not by anything you could do on your own. We know what God did through what it says in the Bible. The Bible is 100 percent true.

**Become:** As a Christian, you are on a journey of becoming, of growing in love for God and His Word, the Bible. This relationship you have with God makes a difference in every part of your life. When you are a Christian, you value your relationship with God and show love to Him by loving other people.

## How should I respond to God's gift of a Savior?

We see God's incredible love on display when He sent Jesus. God wanted to make a way for us to be with Him forever. Jesus died so our sins can be forgiven if we trust in Him. We should respond to God with gratitude for all He has done. We can express our love for God, for who He is and what He has done for us. We can also share the incredible news about Jesus with others. We can encourage others to know God and tell the wonderful news of God's love and sacrifice for them.

## If the promised Savior has come, why is there still sin in this world?

We know God sent a Savior, but sometimes it may seem confusing to say we've been saved when we see bad things happening all around us. It breaks God's heart to see the sin in the world. He doesn't want us to experience this forever, so He sent Jesus to save us and rescue us from our sin. Jesus offered restoration (making broken things right) when He defeated death. God has promised to make all things right again someday, but it's not done yet. Even though we do see sin around us and experience pain, Jesus is our promise and hope that the world won't be like this forever. One day it will be right again because of Him! Meanwhile, if we've trusted in Jesus, we know God is with us and has an everlasting love for us.



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Coming Soon



Remember to cut out your flashcard to help your child remember this week's question, answer, and memory verse!

# FAMILY FUN

Use these activities to help your children experience and apply God's Word to their lives all week long. There are even a few on-the-go options – because we know learning can happen anywhere!

## Memorize

Use this week's coloring sheet to help your child memorize this week's question, answer and verse.

You can also cut out the flashcard to memorize the question, answer and verse!

*On the go? Record a video of your child saying the question, answer and memory verse. Play it back as often as needed so they can memorize it!*

## Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus Christ to save us.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus, the promised Savior, to save us.  
Thank you that He is coming again soon. Amen

## Retell

Draw a picture or write a note to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus to Earth to save us.

Older children can create a "Coming Soon" banner or poster announcing the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Encourage them to read Acts 1:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 and 1 John 3:1-3 to gather facts for their creation.

## Share

Share with your children the story of how Jesus Christ saved you.

If your children have trusted Christ as their Savior, encourage them to share their testimony with the rest of your family. Remind them Jesus came to Earth to save us!



## Observe

Show your children a map of the world. Talk about all of the special people who live in it. Explain that Jesus came to Earth to save people from every city, country and continent.

## Sing

Listen to this month's playlist throughout the week to sing about God's promised Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Scan here to listen wherever you are!*



## Create

Create a 2022 Prayer Notebook with your children. On each page of the notebook, write the name of a family member, friend, country, missionary or classmate your family is going to pray for. Use this journal throughout the year to record prayer requests and praises!

Younger children can illustrate and decorate your prayer journal! Older children can write prayer requests on each page, or create a prayer journal on a computer or tablet to share with your family.

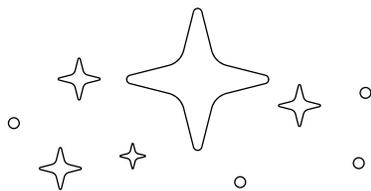
## Study

Ask your older kids to look up Bible verses about salvation and share them with the rest of your family. John 3:16-17, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Titus 3:5 are great places to start!

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