



Memory Verse Calendar 2018

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NOTES FOR parents



Foundational Truths

Each week, we teach age-appropriate narratives in our Little Village classrooms highlighting one of our Five Foundational Truths: **God Made Everything**, **God Is in Charge of Everything**, **God Is Good**, **Jesus Came**

to Save Sinners, and **God Wants to Talk With Us**. We have chosen one narrative each month for all of our preschoolers to learn so that you can focus on one story at home, even if your children are in different

classes. You'll find these narratives highlighted on the calendar throughout the year. For example, in January, every Little Village class will learn the story of Jesus choosing the 12 disciples.



God's Big Story Timeline

Throughout the Bible, we see an overarching timeline of God's work, sometimes referred to as the metanarrative. During the course of the year, we refer back to this

timeline at various points to help your child gain an understanding of how each narrative fits into God's Big Story. We hope that by providing a copy for you to use at home, you can

continue to help your child grow in their understanding of not only when things happened, but also how we are still waiting with hope for the promise of Christ's return to come true.



January

**Our God is in
the heavens; he
does all that
he pleases.
Psalm 115:3**



About the Art: The heavens are where King Jesus lives for now.

Family Lessons

1/7: Jesus in the Temple

LUKE 2:41-52 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

Jesus spent time in the temple worshipping and talking about God. We can talk to God through prayer. Spend time together as a family praying to God. Thank Him for your church, where you can learn about Him with others.

1/14: Jesus Is Baptized

MATTHEW 3:13-17 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

When sinners love and trust Jesus and repent of sin, they can be baptized like Jesus. Using an action figure or doll and a bowl of water, talk through and act out what the baptism of Jesus looked like.

1/21: Jesus Is Tempted

LUKE 4:1-13 • GOD IS GOOD

Jesus fought sin using the Bible, God's true Word. We can use the Bible to fight sin, too. This is one of the reasons we want to learn God's Word together! Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

1/28: Jesus Chooses the 12 Disciples

MATTHEW 4, 9 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read the story "Let's Go!" on p. 208 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to review the last two stories we've learned in Little Village. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

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February

You shall love the LORD
your God with all your
heart and with all
your soul and with
all your might.
Deuteronomy 6:5

SOUL – the invisible part of
a person that lasts forever



About the Art: Jesus
says to hang on to Him
with all you've got like
grapes on a branch!



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Family Lessons

2/4: Jesus Feeds 5,000

MARK 6:30-44 • GOD IS GOOD

God cares about the physical and spiritual needs of His children. Jesus provided food for people who were hungry! As a family, go through your house and point out all the things that God has provided to take care of your family.

2/11: Jesus Heals a Lame Man

MARK 2:1-12 • GOD IS GOOD

The lame man had four friends who brought him to Jesus to be healed. Whom do you know who needs healing (either physically or spiritually)? Spend time praying together as a family for God to heal those you know who are sick. Let those people know that you prayed for them.

2/18: Jesus Calms the Storm

MATTHEW 8:23-27 • GOD MADE EVERYTHING

Read "The Captain of the Storm" on p. 236 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

2/25: Jesus Loves the Woman at the Well

JOHN 4:1-45 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Most Jews went out of their way to avoid the land of Samaria so that they did not have to talk to or even be around Samaritans. Jesus not only went through Samaria, but He talked to the Samaritan woman at the well! Jesus tells us to show love to all people. Think of somebody who may feel unloved and think of a way to show them love, such as drawing them a picture or writing them a note.

March



About the Art: What we believe about God comes out in what we say and do in everyday places.

And whatever you do,
in word or deed, do
everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the
Father through him.
Colossians 3:17



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Family Lessons

3/4: Jesus Loves the Children

LUKE 18:15-17 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

Jesus wanted the children to talk with Him because He loves them. Encourage your children to talk with God through prayer. He cares about what they think and feel. Spend time talking to God with your child.

3/11: Jesus Loves Zacchaeus

LUKE 19:1-10 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read “The Man Who Didn’t Have Any Friends (None)” on p. 264 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. If you don’t have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

3/18: Jesus’ Triumphal Entry

MATTHEW 21:1-11 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd of people came to celebrate and worship Him. They covered the road with palm branches and coats for His donkey to walk on. Using craft supplies and leaves/grass, let your children create a picture of what they think the triumphal entry looked like.

3/25: Jesus Dies on the Cross

LUKE 23 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Spend time this week remembering what happened to Jesus during the last week of His life. On Sunday, He was celebrated as He came into town. On Thursday, He ate the Last Supper and prayed in the garden with His disciples. On Friday, He died on the cross to pay the punishment for our sins. Have your child draw pictures of these events to put in order throughout the week.

Celebrate that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**



About the Art: The fact that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** and give new life is a beautiful truth.

April

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

BELIEVE – to love and trust

PERISH – to die and be separated from God

ETERNAL – always

Family Lessons

4/1: Jesus Comes Back to Life

MATTHEW 28 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

John 3:16 teaches us that because God loves us, He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins. But Jesus did not stay dead. Jesus came back to life! Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

4/8: The Story of Easter

MATTHEW 21-28 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Help your child use the pieces and picture book from the Easter Bag they received in Little Village to tell you the Easter story. If you do not have an Easter Bag, ask a Preschool staff member how your family can receive one.

4/15: Jesus Eats With the Disciples

JOHN 21:1-17 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples, eating and talking with them to help them understand and believe that He really was alive. **God Wants to Talk With Us!** Spend time together as a family during dinner talking about how good Jesus was to help the disciples believe. Pray and ask God to give you hearts that understand and believe in Him, too.

4/22: Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

ACTS 1:1-11 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read "Going Home" on p. 318 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to review what we have been learning in Little Village. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

4/29: God Is in Heaven

PSALM 115:3 • GOD IS GOOD

God is in heaven. God's children want to be with Him because **God Is Good** and they love and trust Him. There is nothing better than to be with God! Review God's Big Story (at the front of the calendar) and discuss how God was with Adam and Eve in the garden and one day promises to return.

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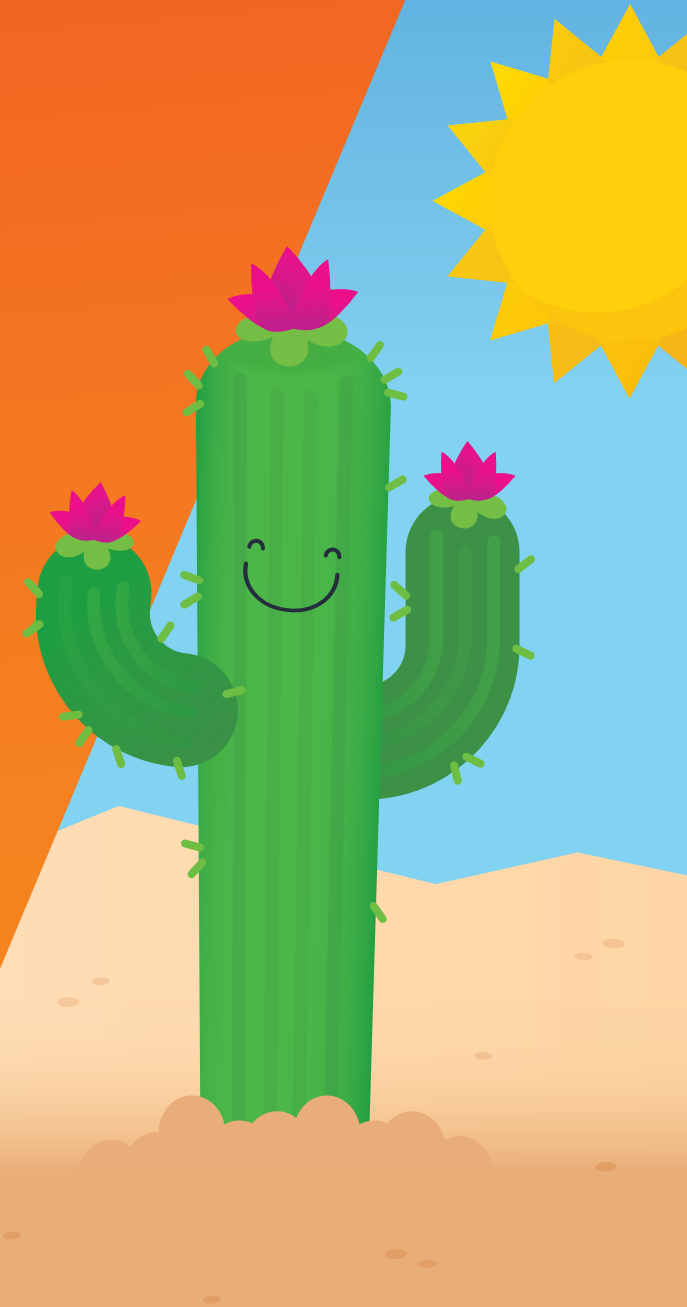
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May



About the Art: This cactus is rejoicing because it is sustained by the Lord in the driest season.

Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



REJOICE – to show excitement, gladness or joy
CEASING – stopping
CIRCUMSTANCES – a time, place or event

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Family Lessons

5/6: God Sends a Helper

ACTS 2 • GOD IS GOOD

Read “God Sends Help” on p. 326 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **God Is Good** to send the Holy Spirit to help His children. If you don’t have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

5/13: Peter Tells Others About Jesus

ACTS 2 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Peter denied Jesus three times the night before Jesus died. “Denied” means Peter lied about knowing Jesus. After Jesus died and came back to life, Jesus forgave Peter. Peter spent the rest of his life telling others about the forgiveness and love of Jesus. Share the good news with somebody this week that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners**.

5/20: God’s Church Begins

ACTS 2 • GOD IS GOOD

In Little Village, we learn that the Church is a group of people who love and trust Jesus and spend time together learning about, worshiping and telling others about Jesus. **God Is Good** to give us the Church to be a part of where we can rejoice, pray and thank God. Help your family learn this month’s memory verse.

5/27: God Saves Saul

ACTS 9 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Jesus appeared to Saul on the road, and Saul became blind. He could not see for three days until Ananias came to him and prayed for him. Saul’s eyes were healed, and God gave him a new heart that loved and trusted Jesus. Play “Follow the Leader” with one person pretending to be blind and the other person leading them through an obstacle course to safety.



June



About the Art: God never gets tired. His endurance and wisdom flow continuously like a waterfall.

Have you not known?
Have you not heard? The
LORD is the everlasting
God, the Creator of
the ends of the earth.
He does not faint
or grow weary; his
understanding is
unsearchable.
Isaiah 40:28

EVERLASTING – going on; continuing forever

Family Lessons

6/3: God Sends Paul

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

After God gave Paul a new heart, he spent the rest of his life telling others that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners**. Today, we have missionaries all over the world who also tell people about Jesus. Spend time learning about and praying for our missionaries (thevillagechurch.net). Pray that they will have opportunities to tell others that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners**.

6/10: Jesus Will Come Again

REVELATION 21 • GOD IS GOOD

Read "A Dream of Heaven" on p. 342 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. **God Is Good** and will one day come back to fix all that sin has broken. Use "God's Big Story" at the front of the calendar to talk to your children about how we are waiting for Jesus to return with happy excitement. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

6/17: The Bible Is God's True Word

EPHESIANS 6:10-17 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

One of the ways God talks to us is through His Word. It is from God and about God, and it is true! As we read God's true Word, we learn more about God. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

6/24: God Creates the World

GENESIS 1-2 • GOD MADE EVERYTHING

God Made Everything! Using paints, crayons, markers or play dough, help your child illustrate or create different things that God made. Thank God for making everything.

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July

In the beginning,
God created
the heavens
and the earth.
Genesis 1:1



About the Art: It's good to zoom out and remember our Creator is very big.



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Family Lessons

7/1: Adam and Eve Disobey God

GENESIS 3 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read “The Terrible Lie” on p. 28 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. Adam and Eve sinned. We are all sinners. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** If you don’t have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

7/8: God Saves Noah

GENESIS 6-9 • GOD IS GOOD

God was good to save Noah from the flood, and **God Is Good** to save His people from sin through Jesus. Help your family learn this month’s memory verse.

7/15: God Gives Isaac

GENESIS 15, 17-18, 21 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

God told Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky (Gen. 15:5). Go out with your family and look at the stars. Can you see the shapes that the stars make? Can you count the stars? We can look at the stars and remember that **God Is in Charge of Everything**, and He always keeps His promises!

7/22: God Rescues Isaac

GENESIS 21-22 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Sometimes God asks us to give up something good in order to help us remember that He is what is best. Spend time praying as a family. Thank God for the good things He gives us. Ask for help in loving God more than the good things He gives.

7/29: God Uses Joseph

GENESIS 37, 41-46, 50 • GOD IS GOOD

Draw out the events of the life of Joseph on separate pieces of paper. Some of the events in Joseph’s life were good, and some were hard or scary. In all of the events, **God Is in Charge of Everything**.



About the Art: A pearl can form in a deep, dark ocean. Knowing God is doing something wonderful can comfort you during the darkest of times.

August

Now faith is the
assurance of
things hoped for,
the conviction of
things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1



FAITH – trust in God

ASSURANCE – believing and knowing very strongly

HOPE – wanting and waiting for something to happen

CONVICTION – strong belief; believing something with all your heart

Family Lessons

8/5: God Rescues Moses

EXODUS 1-2 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

God heard the prayers of His people, the Israelites, and God hears the prayers of His children today. We can have faith and pray to Him on good days or bad days because **God Wants to Talk With Us**. Help your family learn this month's memory verse.

8/12: God Calls Moses

EXODUS 3 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

God spoke to Moses through the burning bush and told him to rescue the Israelites from Pharaoh in Egypt. Moses was afraid. We are afraid sometimes, too. As a family, pray together and tell God what you are afraid of. Ask God to help you trust Him.

8/19: God Sends the Plagues

EXODUS 7-12 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Draw pictures of all 10 plagues on separate pieces of paper. Can you remember all 10? God has power over everything He has made. Thank God that **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

8/26: God Rescues the Israelites at the Red Sea

EXODUS 14 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Moses trusted that God would take care of the Israelites and rescue them from Pharaoh. Moses didn't know how God would take care of them, but he had faith that God would do what He said. Help your family learn this month's memory verse about faith.

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September

The LORD is merciful
and gracious,
slow to anger
and abounding
in steadfast love.
Psalm 103:8



About the Art: Historically, the rainbow is a symbol of God's enormous mercy!

MERCIFUL – showing love to someone when they deserve punishment
GRACIOUS – does what is kind; gives gifts that we don't deserve
ABOUNDING – has lots of
STEADFAST – stays the same; doesn't change

Family Lessons

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9/2: God Provides Manna

EXODUS 16 • GOD IS GOOD

God provided manna and quail for the Israelites while they were in the desert. **God Is Good!** He takes care of His children. Stand on a chair to make cotton balls, pieces of paper or other soft objects fall from the “sky.” Let your children gather the objects in jars or buckets while they reenact the story.

9/9: God Gives the 10 Commandments

EXODUS 20, 24 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read “Ten Ways to Be Perfect” on p. 100 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. God’s rules are good and show us our need for Jesus. If you don’t have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

9/16: God Knocks Down the Wall

JOSHUA 6 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

The walls of Jericho seemed too strong and too big for them. God knocked down the wall without the Israelites having to fight. He takes care of His children. Are there things your child is afraid of or problems that seem too big? Pray as a family and ask God to help you trust that **God Is in Charge of Everything**.

9/23: God Cares for Naomi and Ruth

RUTH • GOD IS GOOD

The Lord did great things for Ruth and Naomi. The Lord always does great things for His children. We can be glad because **God Is Good!** Help your family learn this month’s memory verse.

9/30: God Answers Hannah’s Prayer

1 SAMUEL 1:2-11 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

Hannah prayed to God, and He answered her prayer. **God Wants to Talk With Us**, and there are different ways that God’s children can talk with Him! Ask a Preschool staff member about the “Praying With Your Preschooler” resource to learn more and practice with your family.



About the Art: Love is like a diamond: it has great value, its facets can share light with others, and its clarity can remind us of Jesus.

October

So now faith, hope,
and love abide,
these three; but
the greatest of
these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

FAITH – trust in God

HOPE – wanting and waiting for something to happen

ABIDE – to stay or never go away

Family Lessons

10/7: God Chooses David

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read “The Teeny, Weenie...True King” on p. 116 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. God gave Israel a good king, David. But one day, God would send the greatest and true King, Jesus. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

10/14: God Uses David

1 SAMUEL 17 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

As a family, reenact the story of David and Goliath. Remind your child that David did not defeat the giant by his own skill. God defeated the giant because **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

10/21: God Is Better than Baal

1 KINGS 18:20-40 • GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

The prophet Elijah asked God to prove His power to the prophets of Baal by sending fire from heaven to consume an altar. Elijah knew that he could talk to God through prayer. Spend time drawing the story or recreating it with play dough. Thank God that He hears the prayers of His children.

10/28: God Uses Esther

ESTHER • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

God sent Esther to save His people from destruction. Even when things seem scary, God's people can trust that He knows what's happening. **God Is Good**, and He loves His people. Help your family learn this month's memory verse about faith, hope and love.

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November



About the Art: As sunflowers grow, they turn and face the sun instead of looking at themselves.

Not to us, O LORD,
not to us, but to your
name give glory,
for the sake of your
steadfast love and
your faithfulness!
Psalm 115:1



GLORY – how God shows the world that He is good
STEADFAST – stays the same; doesn't change
FAITHFULNESS – never leaving; always there

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Family Lessons

11/4: God Saves Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

DANIEL 3 • GOD IS GOOD

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego wanted to give God glory even when they were in danger. They trusted in His steadfast love and faithfulness, and God saved them! Help your family learn this month's memory verse together.

11/11: God Saves Daniel

DANIEL 6 • GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Act out the story of Daniel in the lions' den with your family. Have fun pretending to be lions who cannot open their mouths. God shut the mouths of the lions to protect Daniel. Thank God that **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

11/18: God Uses Jonah

JONAH • GOD IS GOOD

God sent Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh that **God Is Good** and rescue them from destruction. There are missionaries all over the world telling others about Jesus in hopes that they will be saved from sin and have a relationship with God. You can do that right where you live, too! Who is someone you can tell that **God Is Good?**

11/25: God Promises a Savior

GENESIS 3 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read "The Terrible Lie" on p. 28 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. In the Garden of Eden, God promised to send a Savior to rescue His people from sin. God kept His promise and sent Jesus! If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.



About the Art: The bright star reminds us of the one above the manger. The best part of the Advent season is the promised hope, the Light of the World.

December

For to us a child is born, to
us a son is given; and the
government shall be upon
his shoulder, and his name
shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

GOVERNMENT – a group of people who are in charge of a country

COUNSELOR – a person who guides

EVERLASTING – going on; continuing forever

PEACE – calm, safety or rest

Family Lessons

12/2: Jesus Is Born

LUKE 2:1-7 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Help your family memorize Isaiah 9:6 to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Be sure to check out our Seasons book for more ways to celebrate.

12/9: The Shepherds and Angels Worship Jesus

LUKE 2:8-21 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

On the night Jesus was born, God sent angels to tell the shepherds the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** Reenact the story with flashlights and singing. Celebrate the wonderful news!

12/16: The Wise Men Worship Jesus

MATTHEW 2:1-15 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

God put a special star in the sky to tell the wise men that Jesus had been born. The wise men traveled very far to worship Jesus. Today, God uses people to tell others the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** Spend time learning about and praying for our missionaries (thevillagechurch.net).

12/23: The Story of Christmas

LUKE 2:1-11 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

Read pp. 176-199 in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to review the Advent stories we've learned in Little Village. If you don't have a *Jesus Storybook Bible*, ask a Preschool staff member about how your family can receive one.

12/30: Jesus Promises to Come Again

JOHN 14 • JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

When Jesus returns, He will make everything that is broken because of sin brand new! There will be no more sickness, no more death, no more sadness and no more bad things. Finish this year and begin the new year by helping your family to learn this month's memory verse and remember that God keeps His promises.

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