



# WONDERFUL JESUS

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** “Wonderful” is a word we use often. Casseroles can be “wonderful.” News about getting an extra hour off from work can be “wonderful.”

“Wonderful,” is more than just a way to say “really good,” though.

It means to marvel at something, to be in awe... it means something about our Savior.

## 2. BIBLE VERSE:

Isaiah 9:6 [ESV]

*“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...”*

In Hebrew culture, a name was more than just what you called someone. A person’s name encapsulated the essence of who they are - their character, their attributes. “Wonderful,” isn’t the name on the tag of the Messiah’s robe; it’s one of the cornerstones of who He is.

Q . What does your name mean? Does it describe your character, or is it way off?



Q . Do you know what the name, “Jesus” means? If not, look it up real quick!

## 3. DISCUSSION:

Luke 2:16-18 [ESV]

*“And (the Shepherds who had been visited by the angel) went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.”*



The birth of Jesus is a true wonder. For those of us who have heard the story many times, it’s easy to lose our sense of astonishment and awe... but we should recapture that. Wonderful is who Jesus is.

Q . Think back to when you first heard the story of Jesus’ birth. What was the most astonishing thing about it to you?

Q . What causes us, as humans, to lose our sense of wonder? What could you do to regain that sense this Christmas season?



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family - thank God for the absolute miracle of Jesus’ birth. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with fresh wonder this Christmas season as you think about our Savior.



# JESUS IS...MIGHTY GOD

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### 1. POWER VERSE: Psalm 77:13 “O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you?”

#### What’s Up: “Mighty, Mighty, Jesus Is Mighty!”

This week, we continue our series called, “Jesus Is...” In this week’s lesson, we learned another word that Isaiah used to describe Jesus when prophesying about His birth. We learned that Jesus is a Mighty God.

### 2. READ:

**Luke 1:26-37** “In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel greeted her and said, “The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you.” Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end.” “How can this happen?” Mary asked the angel. “I am a virgin.” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth will have a child even though she is old. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. That’s because what God says will always come true.”

### 3. DISCUSSION:

- Q. Who was the girl in this story?
- Q. Who came to speak to her?
- Q. What did Gabriel say to Mary?
- Q. How did she respond?



There are a lot of BIG problems in this world. Every day we face powerful situations - sickness, family problems, fear, sinful habits, and so many more - but Jesus is a MIGHTY GOD. He can help us with any situation we face. Jesus is more mighty than anything that comes our way. The power of God is greater than anything. God did the impossible by using Mary to give birth to Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Q. What are some MIGHTY things that God can do in your life? (Have your children make a list - spend some time on this.) God can do the impossible in your life! All you have to do is call on Him and have faith in Him, and He will do the impossible!  
We serve a MIGHTY GOD!



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for your children if they have an impossible need. Pray that they would always remember that God is on their side and He is MIGHTY! Pray that they would have faith in Jesus and that God would do the impossible in their lives.