



MIGHTY GOD

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Isaiah's prophecy tells us that this promised Messiah - Jesus - was more than a prophet or teacher. His name was to be called "Mighty God."

2. BIBLE VERSE:

John 14:8-9 [NLT]

"Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus replied, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!'"

Jesus wasn't a reflection of God, or a teacher about God. He was God. He is God. Christmas reminds us that Jesus is the most unique individual to ever live.



Q . When you read about His life, which is harder to remember: that Jesus was fully God, or that he was fully human?

Q . If Jesus had been just a prophet - even the greatest of all prophets - how would that have changed the impact of the crucifixion?

3. DISCUSSION:

Philippians 2:5-7 [NLT]

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being."

Christmas reminds us that God isn't just standing in the perfection of heaven passing judgment on helplessly-corrupted humanity. He stepped down into our mess to lead us back to Him.

Q . Which of Jesus' divine privileges do you think it was hardest to do without? Do you think it ever frustrated Him to be so limited?

Q . We often speak of God "sending" Jesus to earth, but since Jesus is God, we can also think of it as God Himself coming to save us. Which way of looking at it are you more familiar with? What does each say about God's character and how He feels about you?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family - thank God for loving you enough to come Himself to save you. Take a minute to worship Jesus for who He is - the Mighty God.



JESUS IS...EVERLASTING FATHER

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1. POWER VERSE: John 3:1 *"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!"*

What's Up: "My Heavenly Father Is The BEST!"

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...

Everlasting Father.

2. READ:

This world is full of different types of families!
A lot of families look way different than others!

Q. What do some other families you know look like?
(i.e. mom, two kids)

Q. What does our family look like?

(Have your children draw a picture of your family, labeling each person.)

Matthew 1:20-25 *"But as Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet, "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14) The name Immanuel means "God with us." Joseph woke up. He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him to do. He took Mary home as his wife. But he did not sleep with her until she gave birth to a son. And Joseph gave him the name Jesus."*

3. DISCUSSION:

Q. Who was the young man in this story?

Q. Who came to speak to him?

Q. What did the angel say to Joseph?

Q. How did he respond?

Because of his obedience, Joseph became the earthly father of Jesus.

And God is OUR Father - our Everlasting Father! Even though we have our family here on earth, we are all children of God! He is our Everlasting Father! He will always love us and never leave us!



Have your children add God to their family picture, labeling Him "Everlasting Father."



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray your kids will remember that no matter what happens God, their Everlasting Father, will always be there.