



# ETERNAL MESSIAH

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** Jesus may have been born in a stable 2,000 years ago, but our Savior is eternal - He has no beginning and no end. He's the Everlasting Father.

### 2. BIBLE VERSE:

John 1:1 [NLT]

*"In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

An Eternal Messiah means that Jesus wasn't a course-correction. He wasn't "plan B." Jesus was with God the Father in the beginning of time. He knew the fall of humanity was coming, and He knew he would be the sacrifice for us.

Q . If you knew ahead of time that the human race you helped create would betray you, and you'd have to die to fix their mess, would you go through with it?

Q . The Messiah came to save you, even knowing you'd mess some things up after accepting Him. How does that affect the way you feel about His love for you? How does that affect the way you feel about the way you should live your life now?

### 3. DISCUSSION:

Matthew 10:29-31 [VOICE]

*"Look, if you sold a few sparrows, how much money would you get?*



*A copper coin apiece, perhaps? And yet your Father in heaven knows when those small sparrows fall to the ground. You, beloved, are worth so much more than a whole flock of sparrows. God knows everything about you, even the number of hairs on your head. So do not fear."*

Just as the Messiah was Eternal before you, He's in eternity ahead of you. Whatever lies ahead of you on the road, He's already there, and He cares about you deeply.

Q . What are things ahead of you in life that cause anxiety when you think about them? What are a few things that might happen which make you nervous?

Q . God doesn't just see the future - He's already in the future. How does that change how you feel about what might happen to you?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family - thank Jesus for creating humanity, even knowing He'd have to suffer to save us. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live up to the sacrifice paid to save you.



# JESUS IS...PRINCE OF PEACE

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### 1. POWER VERSE: Psalm 29:11 *"The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace."*

#### What's Up: "When Life Gives Me Trouble, Jesus Gives Me Peace!"

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...Prince of Peace.

### 2. READ:

What would you do if you were a prince or princess? (have your children draw a picture of what their crown would look like.)

**Luke 2:4-20** *"While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!" So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child."*

### 3. DISCUSSION:

Q. Who did the angels appear to in this story?

Q. Where did the shepherds go?

Q. Who did they go to see?

When the shepherds went to see Jesus, they worshiped Him. They were able to receive peace in His presence.



Life is full of trouble and difficult things. This world is filled with scary situations - divorce, death, war, tragedy, etc. It can cause us to fear or worry. When we face trouble in this world, Jesus can bring peace to our lives. Just like the shepherds - when we spend time with Jesus, we can feel His presence and His peace.



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Spend some time in worship with your family. Pray your kids will receive the peace that only Jesus can bring to our lives.