

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5, ESV, says, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”*

Your Life Along the Way Bible study presents the perfect opportunity for thirteen weeks of family discipleship. As you meditate on God’s Word, you will naturally want to share what you are learning about Jesus with your children and teens. This weekly family devotion provides structure for a short, fun family Bible study with your kids on the identity and story of Jesus Christ.

### Each week, you will find:

Several questions to facilitate a family discussion

A focus on one characteristic of Jesus

A short Scripture reading

A fun family activity

A verse to memorize

A prayer from the Bible



You can tailor your weekly **Life Along the Way** devotions to your individual family. If you have older children, you can each take turns reading a sentence or a paragraph from Scripture until you complete the weekly reading. This practice of sharing the reading helps keep everyone engaged. Small children can become antsy after just a couple of questions. Feel free to shorten your discussion time or to dismiss your little people if your older children want to have a deeper discussion.

### *Life Along the Way* WEEKLY FOCUS:

**Jesus is Holy** – *Luke 1:1-4, 26-56*

**Jesus is our Savior** – *Luke 2:1-38*

**Jesus is the Word of God** – *Matthew 2:1-23, Luke 2:39-52, John 1:1-3*

**Jesus is the Son of God** – *Mark 1:1-13*

**Jesus is the Christ** – *John 4:1-42*

**Jesus is God the Son** – *Mark 1:14-28, Luke 5:1-11, John 4:39-54*

**Jesus is our Physician** – *Matthew 8:1-4, 14-17, Mark 2:1-17*

**Jesus is Lord** – *John 5:1-24*

**Jesus is our Teacher** – *Matthew 4:23-5:12, Luke 6:12-16*

**Jesus is the Prophet** – *Luke 6:20-26*

**Jesus is the Judge** – *Matthew 5:13-26;*

*Read Matthew 5:27-32 with your teens*

**Jesus is our Example** – *Matthew 5:33-6:18*

**Jesus is our Treasure** – *Luke 6:19-34*

**A prayer from the Bible**





## *Week One: Jesus Is Holy*

As a family, we are about to embark on an exciting journey together. We are going to learn more about who Jesus is, straight from God's Word. Now, you can probably tell us a lot of important information about Jesus, but he is so amazing that you can spend your whole life reading about him in the Bible—and you are about to learn even more!

Jesus lived a truly miraculous life. We are going to learn about his life and about his closest circle of friends, known as his disciples. You will see that everywhere Jesus traveled, people followed him because he was so special. In fact, the things Jesus did were so amazing, they frightened some people. There were also people who hated Jesus, because they hated God. Just like many people today, they did not want to admit they were sinners or that they needed a Savior.

The sad news is that Jesus was killed by people who hated him, even though he never, ever sinned. But the good news of the gospel is that he died for us! And then he was miraculously raised from the dead by his Father in heaven. You and I do sin. You see, in all of history, only Jesus was sinless. Our sin separates us from God. But, if we believe in Jesus and turn from our sins, we will be forgiven our sins, and we can live forever in the family of God.

The Bible gives Jesus many titles. He is the Lamb of God, Light of the World, and the Bread of Life. Over the next few months, we are going to learn thirteen really important names, or attributes, of Jesus. Let's begin this week with Jesus is Holy.

 **ACTIVITY**

The word holy has two definitions. When we talk about Jesus being holy, we mean that he is exalted—lifted up. We worship him because he is worthy—he is all good, with nothing bad in him. Jesus is God the Son, and God is not like us.

Now, we can be holy, too. That's not because we are worthy of worship or exalted. We are not God. When we say a person or a thing—like a building—is holy, it means we are devoted to God's service. If you are holy, you are forgiven by God and you worship him.

Draw a picture of a place that is holy—set aside for God's service, like your house or church. Then, draw a picture of some holy people you know who love Jesus. If you would rather, make a list of everything holy in your life.

**READ TOGETHER**

*Luke 1:1-4, 26-56*

**DISCUSS**

- Luke wrote to his friend about the life of Jesus. Why is his letter important to us today?
- How did Mary react when the angel spoke to her? How would you feel if an angel talked to you?
- How does God talk to us today?
- Why do you think Mary hurried to see her cousin, Elizabeth—the mother of John the Baptist?
- Mary sang a song to God because she felt so blessed.
  - Do you have a favorite praise song or hymn? What is it?



**READ & RETAIN**

**Luke 1:35, ESV:** *And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”*

**PRAY**

*Father, let my soul magnify you, God. Let my spirit rejoice in Jesus—God my Savior. Thank you for sending Jesus to be born as a sinless, holy man so that I can be forgiven for my sins.*

**From Luke 1:46-49**

**TO DO THIS WEEK**

The good news of the gospel of Jesus is too wonderful to keep to ourselves. This week, practice sharing the gospel with your family. See if you can share God’s great plan for salvation with each other in a minute or less several times this week.