

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF DIRECTION

THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GO AHEAD OF YOU. HE WILL BE WITH YOU. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

POINT UP

POINT IN FRONT OF YOU

POINT TO SELF

SHAKE HEAD "NO"

HE'LL NEVER DESERT YOU. SO DON'T BE AFRAID. DON'T LOSE HOPE.

HUG SELF

MAKE "X" WITH ARMS

HANDS ON HEART

### STORY: THE WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR – MATTHEW 2:1–12

#### DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM MATTHEW 2 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. Who followed the star to find baby Jesus?
2. How did the star help the Wise Men know where to go?
3. Who is God always leading us to?
4. What are some ways God helps guide us today?
5. What is one way you can follow God's direction this week?

### BIG IDEA: GOD DIRECTS US TOWARD JESUS

#### DID YOU KNOW...?

The Wise Men didn't live close to Jesus at all! They likely came from lands far to the east, traveling across deserts and long roads. Their journey could have taken weeks—or even months. At night, the sky was much darker than it is today (no streetlights!), which made stars easier to see. God used a real star in the sky to guide them step by step all the way to Jesus, showing that no distance is too far for God to lead people to Him. That's part of what makes the story in Matthew 2:1–12 so amazing—God gave direction that crossed countries, cultures, and long miles just to point hearts to Jesus.

#### SOMETHING TO NOTE!

God's direction is never random—it always leads us closer to Jesus. In the story of the Wise Men from Matthew 2:1–12, God used a star to guide them, but the star wasn't the goal. Jesus was. This helps us understand an important truth: God doesn't just guide us to places or answers—He guides our hearts toward a relationship with His Son.

Even today, God still directs us toward Jesus through His Word, prayer, wise people in our lives, and the Holy Spirit. When families follow God's direction, it helps us trust Him more, grow closer to Jesus, and live in ways that honor Him. This Christmas, remind your kids that whenever God leads, Jesus is always the destination.

#### PRAYER PROMPT:

Before you pray, think about the Wise Men following the star and trusting God's direction. As a family, talk about places in your life where you need God's guidance right now—especially during the busy week of Christmas. Thank God for sending Jesus to lead us closer to Him, and ask Him to help your family notice His direction, follow it with joy, and keep your hearts focused on Jesus this Christmas, just like the Wise Men in Matthew 2:1–12.

PROMISES