

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

## CHRISTMAS

There's no 'L' in  
Christmas!

What?

Noel. Get it?

## ACTIVITY

Is it Christmas yet?

## PACK 11

What are you  
buying me?

We are twins.

### SERIES II - Looking for clues





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## ABOUT THIS PACK

### WHO MADE IT?

This resource was created by Olly Goldenberg from Children Can, to accompany our daily podcasts.

### HOW CAN I USE IT?

You can use this activity pack and the podcasts however you want. You can:

- Just listen to the podcast
- Use the podcast to provoke discussion
- Use them as part of a daily family devotion. It might look something like this:
- Worship together singing some songs from the internet.
  - Listen to the podcast
  - Use the 'Discuss' or 'Dig deeper' sections of this pack
  - Do the action from this pack
  - Respond in prayer and take time to listen to God
  - Do one of the activities from this pack.

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## EPISODE C1: THE RIGHT FAMILY

### DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- Discuss, does it matter what family you are part of?
- What makes your family unique?

### Go DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- 2 Samuel 7:12, Luke 3.

Read this passage carefully: Luke 3:21–38. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- Can you confirm that Jesus is in David's family line?
- Why do you think Luke traces Jesus' family history all the way back to the beginning of time?
- Why does verse 23 say Jesus was the son, *or so it was thought ...?*

### ACTIONS

God's plan was being worked out for Jesus, even in David's time. God also has a plan for your life too. Take time to praise God for all he does. Shout out praise to him as loud as you can.

Then sit quietly and ask God to show you something he wants you to do as part of his plan for your life.

**ACTIVITIES**

**GROUP ACTIVITY: DRAW YOUR FAMILY TREE**

Work together as a family to draw three or more generations of your family tree.

**Go AND Do IT: A FAMILY TREE**

Paint a picture of a tree, then stick on photos of each member of your family as the fruit on the tree. Write a Bible verse at the bottom, for examples Jeremiah 29:11, Joshua 24:15 or John 15:4

**PUZZLE: MAMMOTH WORDSEARCH**

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| AMMINAD  | ER      | JOSEPH | MATTATHIAS | NATHAN  | SETH       |
| AB       | ESLI    | JOSHUA | MATTHAT    | OBED    | SHEALTIEL  |
| AMOS     | HEZRON  | JUDAH  | MELEA      | PELEG   | SIMEON     |
| ARPHAXAD | ISAAC   | KENAN  | MELKI      | PEREZ   | TERAH      |
| CAINAN   | JACOB   | LAMECH | MENNA      | RAM     | ZERUBBABEL |
| DAVID    | JARED   | LEVI   | METHUSELAH | REU     |            |
| ELIAKIM  | JESSE   | MAATH  | NAGGAI     | RHESA   |            |
| ELIEZER  | JOANAN  |        | NAHOR      | SALMON  |            |

## EPISODE 02: THE RIGHT PLACE

### DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- Why is Bethlehem also known as David's city (can you find out why Jerusalem is also called David's city sometimes)?
- Why is it important to know where Jesus was born?

### GO DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Micah 5:2, 1 Samuel 17:12, Matthew 2:1–8

Read this passage carefully: Matthew 2:1–8. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- How did the priests know where Jesus, the Messiah, would be born?
- How did the wise men know where Jesus would be born?
- How seriously did the different people in this passage take God's prophecies?

### ACTIONS

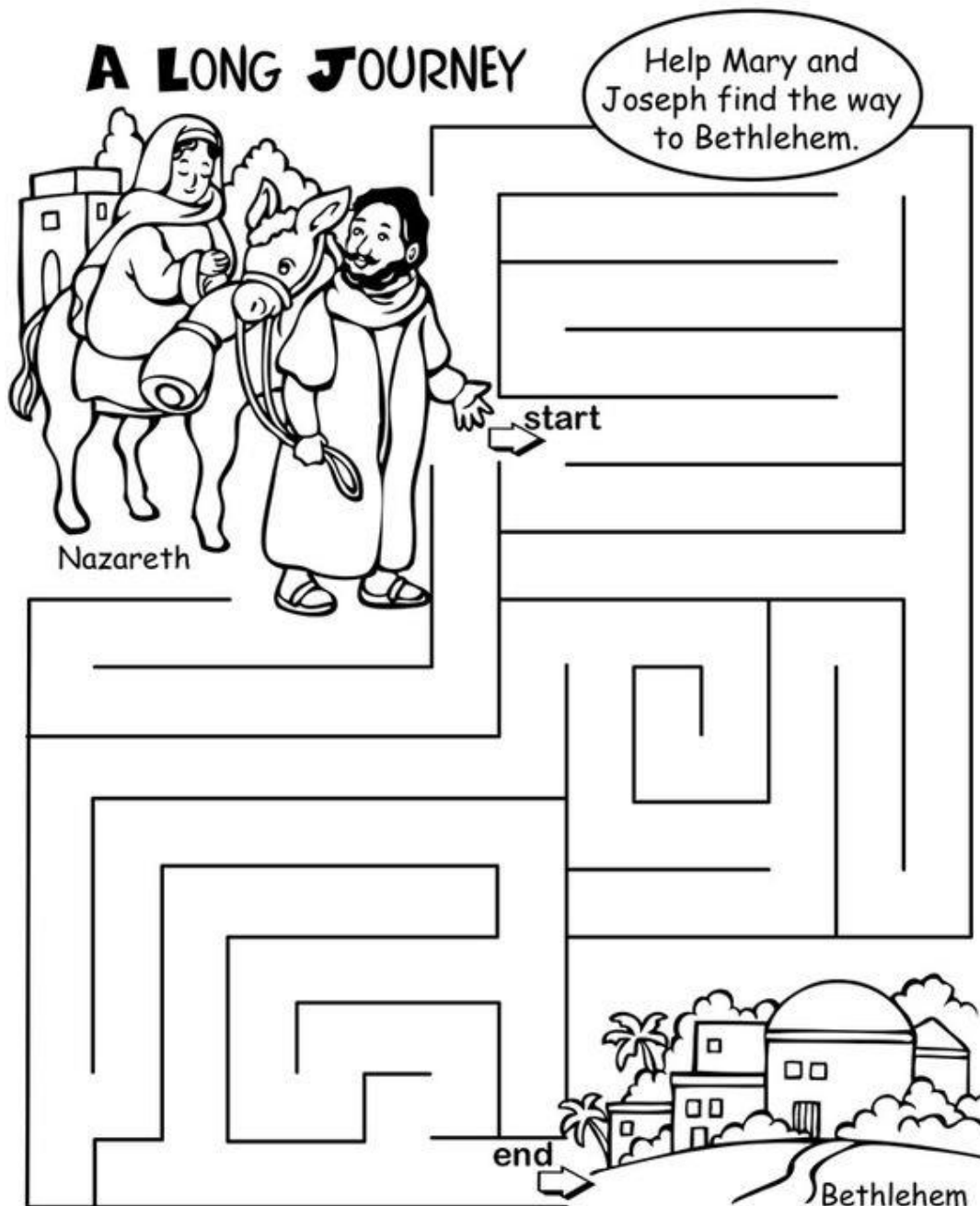
Ask God to speak to you and show you prophetic words that he wants to fulfil in your life. (It may be a Bible passage that he highlights, or a thought, or a picture that he gives to you). Share together.

## ACTIVITIES

### GROUP ACTIVITY: HIDE AND SEEK

Play a game of hide and seek.

### PUZZLE: FOLLOW THE MAZE



### GO AND DO IT: CREATE YOUR OWN NATIVITY

Use playdough (you can make your own) or card to create your own nativity scene in Bethlehem.



## EPISODE 3: BORN AT THE RIGHT TIME

### DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- Did you know that there was a time period that God had to send Jesus in?
- Why do you think God sets times in which he will do things?

### GO DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Daniel 9:25–26, Nehemiah 2.

Read this passage carefully: Luke 2:1–7. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- How did God get Joseph and Mary to move to Bethlehem in time for the birth of Jesus?
- What would have happened if Jesus was born in the wrong time (think about the different leaders, different census, etc.)? God put all the pieces together like a jigsaw puzzle.

### ACTIONS

What is God doing today in the world? Ask him what he is doing and what he wants you to do. Jesus was born at the right time – and you were bought at the right time for what God needs you to do in this time. Spend some time worshipping God and tell him you are willing to do what he wants you to do.

**ACTIVITIES**

**GROUP ACTIVITY: TIME YOURSELF**

Time yourselves to see who can ... 1. Hold their breath for the longest. 2. Talk nonstop without pausing or repeating any words. 3. Stand on one leg.

**PUZZLE: HIDDEN MESSAGE**

Use the decoder below to work out the hidden message.

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**Go AND Do IT: MAKE YOUR OWN JIGSAW**

Draw a picture on a piece of paper, stick it to card and then cut it out to create your own jigsaw puzzle.

## EPISODE C4: NOT WHO WE EXPECTED

### DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- What kind of person do you think the Jews were expecting?
- How was Jesus come as a king and a leader?

### Go DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Isaiah 53:3–5, Isaiah 29:13, Matthew 15:7–9.

Read this passage carefully: Isaiah 53:3–5. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- How did Jesus fulfil this passage in Isaiah when he was on earth?

### ACTIONS

Worship God in unexpected ways. Take it in turns to find an object and then think about how this can help you to worship God. For example you may find a shoe and thank God that you can travel or that you can go and tell others about Jesus.

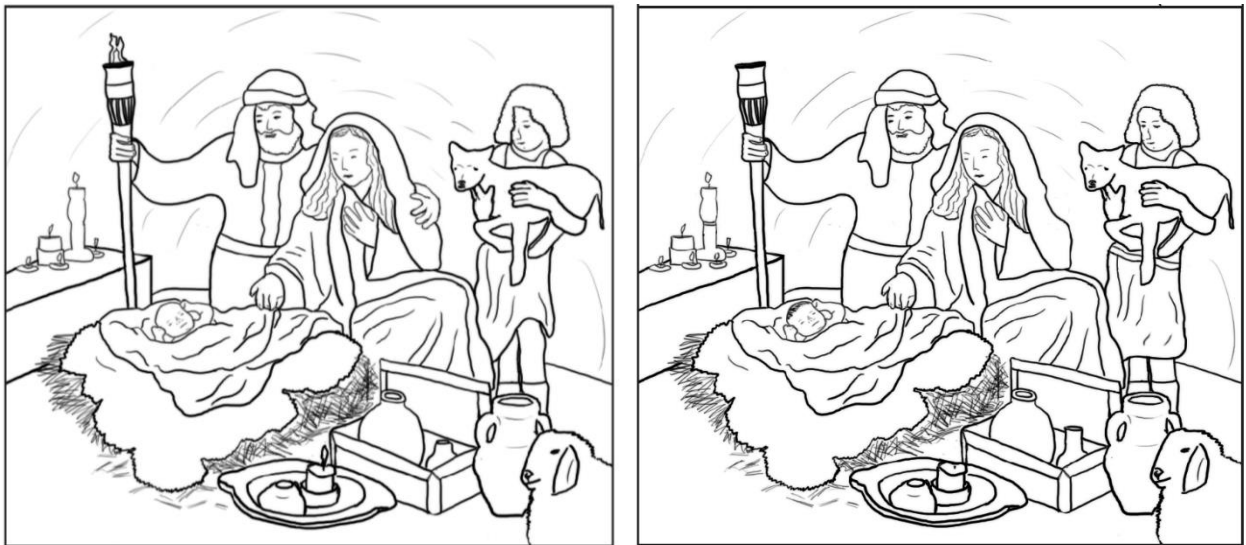
## ACTIVITIES

### GROUP ACTIVITY: WHO AM I?

Take it in turns to do impressions of famous people and people in your family. See if everyone else can guess who you are.

### PUZZLE: SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 11 difference between these two pictures.



Taken from: <https://sundayschoolresources.co.uk/>

### GO AND DO IT: MAKE A CHRISTMAS MOBILE

Draw things from the nativity scene, then cut out each item and connect them with cotton to create a mobile. Hang it up in your house for all to see.

## EPISODE 5: THE PRESENT

### DISCUSS

- What did you discover from today's podcast?
- How did Simeon and Anna know who Jesus was?
- What clues did Jesus complete when he was born?

### Go DEEPER

These Bible verses were mentioned in today's podcast.

- Luke 2:22–40

Read this passage carefully: Luke 2:22–40. Whenever you study the Bible it is always good to ask these questions about the passage:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What does God want me to ask or think from this passage?

You might want to ask these questions too:

- How do you think the people responded when Anna started telling them about the baby Jesus?
- Can you find out how old Jesus was when he was taken to the temple in this passage.

### ACTIONS

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what he is doing in the world today. Can you see what God is doing at this time? Pray and ask God to help you do your part and be ready like Simeon and Anna to see what God is doing and to do what he wants you to do.

**ACTIVITIES**

**GROUP ACTIVITY: I WENT TO THE SHOPS AND I MET**

Build up a list of people who you imagine you met, one at a time. For example, I went to the shops and I met batman. The next person will repeat this list and add on one more person: I went to the shops and I met batman and the Queen of England. Continue this until we can no longer remember the list.

**PUZZLE: STRIKE OUT**

Cross out Simeon and Anna's name in the grid below.

How many times does Simeon's name appear?

How many times does Anna's name appear?

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Write all the remaining letters on the lines below, starting in the top left of the grid, to reveal the secrete message.

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**GO AND DO IT: GIVE TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS**

Create some gifts and Christmas cards to give to your neighbours and friends.