

A Family Christmas
Devotional



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Dear Parents,

Christmas is a season of wonder—and, let’s admit, a bit of chaos too. Between the decorations, the endless carols, and the occasional sugar-fueled meltdown, it’s easy to lose sight of what we’re truly celebrating.

This little book is here to help. It’s a chance to gather the family, slow down, and reflect on the beauty of Jesus, the Messiah. Each letter of **MESSIAH** reveals something wonderful about who He is—simple enough for children to enjoy but profound enough to deepen your own faith too.

We suggest a few ways to use this book:

- ▶ **Quick Reading:** Read through the rhymes in one sitting for a joyful overview of the name **MESSIAH**.
- ▶ **Devotional Journey:** Take it slower by reading one rhyme and its matching devotional together each day.

However you choose to read it, may this book bring a sense of wonder to your Christmas and help your family celebrate the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ, our Savior, King, and Holy Lord.

With warm wishes



“On a cold winter’s night by the fire’s glow,
A child asked her mother, “How can we know
Why Jesus is special? Why is He the King?
Why is Messiah the name that we sing?”

Her mother smiled, her heart full of grace,
“Messiah is Jesus, sent to take our place.
The Savior, the King, and the Son from above,
He came to the earth as God’s gift of love.”



“At Christmas, we remember the gift of His birth,
When God sent His Son to bring heaven to earth.
But Messiah is more than just one special day,
His name tells a story in every way.

Let’s take each letter and see what it shows,
Of Jesus our Savior, who loves and who knows.

From M to H, we’ll learn what they mean,
And how His love makes our hearts clean.”



M is for Mediator

Jesus is the bridge to God's light
He brings us together and makes wrongs right
When sin made us far from God's holy throne
Jesus came to call us His own



“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

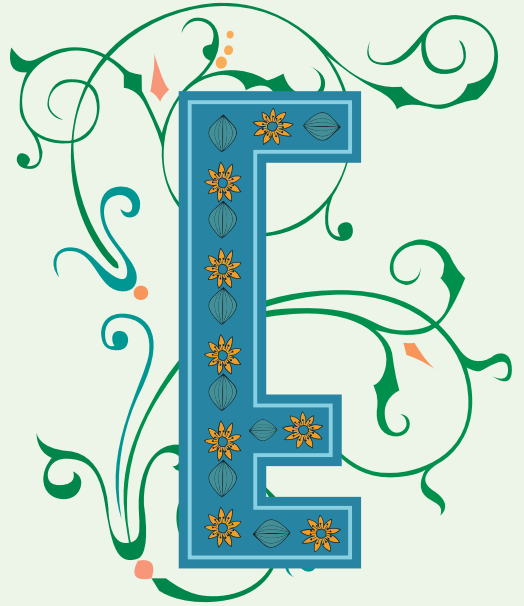
1 Timothy 2:5

Sin created a gap between us and God, a gap so big we could never cross it on our own. But Jesus, our Mediator, bridges that gap. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He brought us back to God, making peace through His sacrifice.

As God’s Son, Jesus stands between us and the Father, constantly interceding for us. This means that every prayer we pray goes through Him. He is always there, loving us and bringing us closer to God.

Questions: What does it mean for Jesus to be the bridge to God? How can we trust Him when we feel far away? How does Jesus help us in our prayers?

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for being the bridge that connects us to God. Help us trust You and walk with You every day.



E is for Eternal King

Jesus reigns forever, His throne won't fall
He's the King of Kings and Lord of all
With justice and love, His kingdom will stay
Forever and ever, through night and day

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness.” **Psalm 45:6**

Earthly rulers come and go, but Jesus is the Eternal King. His kingdom is not of this world, rather, it is built on love, justice, and peace. At Christmas, we remember that this King came humbly, born in a stable, yet His reign lasts forever.

When we trust Jesus as our King, we’re saying He’s in charge of our lives. We’re part of His kingdom, and that means we share His love, justice, and truth with others.

Questions: What makes Jesus’s kingdom different from earthly kingdoms? What does it mean for Jesus to reign in your heart? How can you share His love and justice with others?

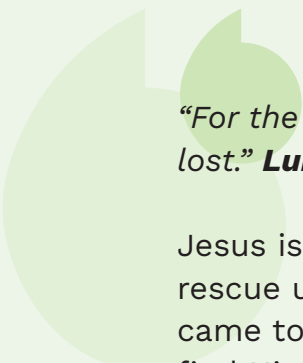
Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Eternal King. Help us follow You and live as citizens of Your kingdom, sharing Your love with the world.



S is for Savior

Jesus saves us from sin and despair
With arms wide open, He's always there
He came to rescue, to seek and to find
To heal the lost and bring peace to our minds





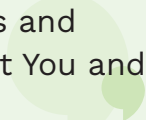
*“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” **Luke 19:10***

Jesus is our Savior, which means He came to rescue us. Sin keeps us far from God, but Jesus came to bring us back. He didn't wait for us to find Him—He came looking for us, like a shepherd searching for a lost sheep.

Christmas is the story of God's great rescue plan. Jesus was born to live a perfect life, die for our sins, and rise again, so we could be saved. His salvation is a gift, free for all who believe.

Questions: How does it feel to know Jesus came to save you? Why do you think He calls Himself the Good Shepherd? Who can you share this good news with?

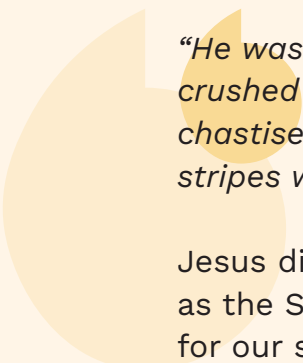
Prayer: Jesus, thank You for saving us and bringing us back to God. Help us trust You and share Your love with others.





S is for Suffering Servant

Jesus bore the pain we deserve
Through His love, our sins He served
He carried the burden, so we could be free
A gift of grace for you and me



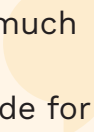
*“He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:5***

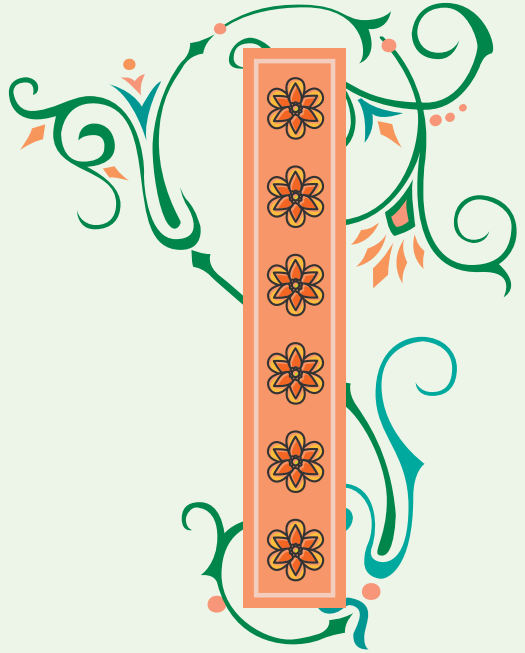
Jesus didn't come as a mighty warrior; He came as the Suffering Servant. He took the punishment for our sins, though He had done nothing wrong. His suffering wasn't weakness - it was the greatest act of love.

Through His sacrifice, we find peace with God. His wounds brought our healing. Christmas is a time to remember not just His birth, but also why He came to save us through His suffering.

Questions: Why did Jesus choose to suffer for us? How does His sacrifice show us how to love others? What does it mean to have peace because of Jesus?

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much that You suffered in our place. Help us to remember Your sacrifice and live in gratitude for Your love.





I is for Immanuel

Immanuel means “God with us” here
He came as a baby to draw us near
No matter where we are, we’re never alone
Because God made our hearts His very own



*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’).” **Matthew 1:23***

Immanuel is one of Jesus’s names, and it means “God with us.” This is the heart of the Christmas story—God didn’t stay far away in heaven. He came to earth to be with us, to live among us, and to save us.

When Jesus was born, He fulfilled the promise that God made long ago. He showed us that God’s love is not distant but near. No matter where we are or how we feel, God is always with us through Jesus.

Questions: What does it mean for God to be with us? How can we remember His presence when we feel scared or alone? How can we remind others that God is near?

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for being Immanuel, God with us. Help us feel Your presence every day and share that promise with others.



A is for Anointed One

Jesus was sent to bring good news
Healing the broken and changing our views
He shows us God's love in all that He's done
The Anointed One, God's chosen Son



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.”

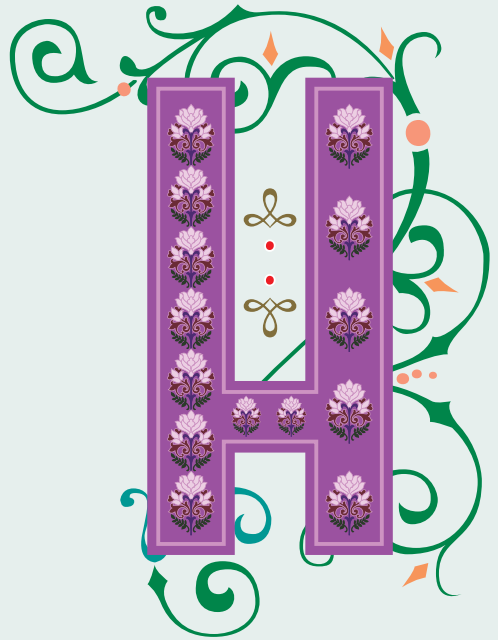
Luke 4:18

Jesus is the Anointed One, chosen by God to fulfill His mission on earth. Anointing was a special act in the Bible, where oil was poured on someone to set them apart for God’s work. But Jesus wasn’t just anointed with oil—He was filled with the Holy Spirit to bring good news, heal the sick, and save the world.

Jesus came to show us what God’s love looks like in action. He cared for the poor, the hurting, and the broken, and He still works in our lives today.

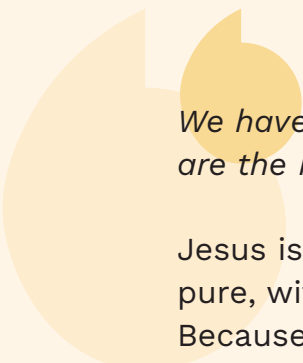
Questions to Discuss: What does it mean for Jesus to be the Anointed One? How did Jesus show God’s love to people? How can we follow His example and care for others?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for being the Anointed One who shows us God’s love. Help us follow Your example and bring hope and kindness to those around us.



H is for Holy One

Holy and pure, set apart from the rest
Jesus shows us the way that is best
He lived without sin to make us clean
The Holy One, our Savior and King



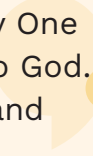
*We have come to believe and to know that You are the Holy One of God.” **John 6:69***

Jesus is the Holy One of God. He is completely pure, without sin, and set apart for God’s work. Because of His holiness, Jesus was able to take the punishment for our sins and make us clean.

When we believe in Jesus, He helps us become more like Him—holy in how we live, love, and treat others. Holiness isn’t about being perfect on our own; it’s about trusting Jesus to guide us and change our hearts.

Questions: What does it mean for Jesus to be holy? How can we try to live in a way that honors Him? What are some ways we can reflect His holiness in our lives?

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for being the Holy One who makes us clean and draws us closer to God. Help us live in a way that shows Your love and light to the world.





“So now you see,” the mother said
“Messiah means Savior, by whom we’re led
He came for you, He came for me
To set us free for eternity
Each letter tells His wonderful story
Of love, redemption, and heavenly glory
The greatest gift, so pure, so bright
Is Jesus Christ, our guiding light.”



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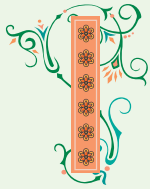
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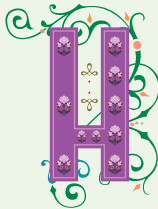
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Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with
M for Messiah. Through rhymes and reflections,
this devotional explores the name *Messiah*,
revealing Jesus as our Mediator,
King, Savior, and more.



Perfect for families,
this book shares the greatest
gift of all

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