

### THIS WEEK'S STORY:

From Adam to Jesus

### UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Is Jesus God or human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

### BIBLE PASSAGES:

Read Matthew 1

#### TALK ABOUT IT

1. How long has Jesus existed? *Jesus has always existed (John 1:1)*
2. What kinds of people are in Jesus' family line? *Invite kids to share their observations. Point out that God uses all types of people in His plans. God made Abraham a father even in his old age. God used Jacob even though he dressed in his brother's clothes to get a blessing meant for Esau. Rahab hid the Israelite spies. Ruth was a Moabite who followed her mother-in-law back to Judah. David was a shepherd boy. Solomon asked for wisdom. God made Josiah a king at 8 years old. (Option: read Ephesians 1:4-5.)*
3. How is Jesus different than the other people in His family line? *Emphasize that as the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human. Unlike the other people in His family line, Jesus never sinned. (Option: read Hebrews 4:15)*

#### APPLY IT

1. What does this story teach me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?

#### FOR FUN

Have one person in your family put a small object in a box or bag and show to one other person in the family. Make sure the rest of the family cannot see the item. The person then give clues or "evidence" about the item or they can try to trick the group by giving unrelated clues. The rest of the family must decide if the person is telling the truth about what is in the box or if they are trying to trick them. Play again. Remember: in Jesus' time, a lot of people didn't believe the evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. For us, because we have the Bible, we know that Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

#### TO SERVE

Pull out family photos and spend time discussing your family tree (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.). At the end of your discussion, pick one or more members of your family to encourage. If they live out of town, consider writing them a note or sending a small gift to let them know you care about them. If they are local, discuss a way you can serve them such as taking them cookies, helping in their yard, etc.