



## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What is something our family has prepared for?
- Was it hard or easy to wait for thing we prepared for? Why or why not?
- Have you ever felt unprepared for something? Tell us about it.
- Has it been hard when things don't go the way you thought? What can we learn from these situations?
- How would you prepare for a very important visitor?



## HANDS ON

### Gift-Wrapping Competition

Great  
for  
Younger Kids!

God prepared the way for Jesus by working through Elizabeth and Zechariah and their son, John. Wrapping gifts is just one of many things we do to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Have a gift-wrapping competition with the family! Gather some boxes, wrapping paper, scissors, tape, bows, ribbon, and tags. Split up into teams (like kids vs. adults or boys vs. girls). Agree on the rules before you begin. Here are some suggestions for how to run your gift-wrapping competition:

- The winning team has to use wrapping paper, tape, ribbon, a bow, and a gift tag.
- The winning team is the one who gets done first.
- The winning team is the one with the prettiest gift.
- Play the game as a relay race where one person cuts the paper, one person tapes it on, one person ties the ribbon, and one person puts on the bow and tag.

The reward for the winners could be selecting a family movie or choosing a holiday tradition to enjoy together.



## LIFE CONNECTION

### Prepare for It!

Great  
for  
Older Kids!

Grab a pencil and some sticky notes or slips of paper. Gather around the kitchen table. **This week's story shows us how God prepared the way for Jesus to come to earth. Let's brainstorm ways we prepare for the people in our own lives!**

Make a list of different people who come home from an event or obligation (parents from work, kids from school, adults from grocery shopping, kids from practice, etc.). Write each example on a separate note or slip of paper. Then discuss how the rest of the household might help prepare for the people who are coming home. For example, a way to prepare for adults coming home from grocery shopping would be to clean out the fridge or be available to carry in bags and put away food.

Put all the slips of paper in a jar. For the month of December, daily (or as often as you like!) choose a slip of paper and get the whole family involved in preparing for that scenario together.

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