



## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

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

- Mary had to wait for Jesus to be born, just like we are waiting for Christmas. What is it like to wait? How does it make you feel?
- Mary was happy and excited that God was working in her life. How do you see God working in the lives of our family members?
- What is a king? What does it mean that Jesus is our King?



## CREATE IT!

### Crown the King!

Ask your child: **Do you know what a coronation is?** If she isn't sure, explain that a coronation is a special celebration that happens when a new king or queen begins to reign. Say: **At Christmastime, we see lots of signs of a special celebration, don't we?** Look around your home and community for signs of celebration.

Use shiny wrapping paper, construction paper, or cardstock to make crowns. Make them large enough to wear or small enough to be tree ornaments. Cut a strip longer than it is wide. Cut triangle shapes out of the longer side. Make a half slit in each end of the strip (one slit from top to halfway down, and one slit from bottom to halfway up), and fit these ends together to make a circle.

For older children, look around your home and community for Christmas ornaments that specifically point to Jesus as the promised King. How could your family's decorations more clearly reflect this?

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## HANDS ON

### Waiting for the King

Say: **Jesus is the promised King, but Mary still had to wait nine months for Him to arrive after she heard the news. We are waiting too—we will celebrate His arrival on Christmas Day! How many days are there until Christmas?** Look at a calendar together. **As we wait for Christmas, let's think about what kind of king Jesus is!**

Make a paper chain to count down the days until Christmas. On each strip, write a prompt to explore what kind of King Jesus is. You can do this in one of two ways:

- Talk together about what Jesus is like. Look up any of the verses listed below for more ideas and write a word or phrase that describes Jesus on each link in the chain.
- Write one of these Scripture references on each link and look up the verse each day when you take a link off the chain: Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 53:5–6, Luke 4:14–21, Luke 9:46–48, John 6:35, John 8:12, John 10:10–11, John 16:33, Romans 8:38–39, Hebrews 4:14–16.

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