



FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

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

- When you hear the word *king*, what do you think of?
- The shepherds got to meet Jesus! How do you think they felt when they met Jesus?
- Jesus' birth is the good news, and this good news is for everyone! We are invited to meet Jesus. What do you think it means to meet Jesus today?



CREATE IT!

A Grand Invitation

Ask your family: **What is an invitation? When have you received an invitation? What does it show us about God that He invites us to meet His Son, Jesus? We are all invited to meet Jesus, and what better reminder is there of this truth than making an actual invitation!**

Spend time as a family creating invitations that you can exchange with one another or make for yourselves. Gather paper, coloring utensils, stickers, and other art supplies to create invitations. You may even repurpose invitations that you have been given. Write the following (or something similar) on the front of your invitation: "This Christmas, you are invited to meet Jesus." On the inside of the invitation, decorate it with words that describe Jesus, a picture of the story of Jesus' birth, or a drawing or description of aspects of Jesus you are most thankful for. When you are finished, place the invitations underneath your tree. Then, on Christmas Day, open your invitations and share what you wrote or drew, and how it reminds you that you are invited to meet Jesus.



HANDS ON

Jesus' Incredible Names

The Word of Wonder for the Waiting for the King series is Isaiah 9:6. Isaiah said these words hundreds of years before Jesus was born. In the verse, he describes the promised Savior with many names. Play a game of Guess the Picture to help your family remember all of Jesus' incredible names from this verse.

You will need paper, pencils, and scissors. Cut paper into half sheets. On each, write sections of the Word of Wonder. Consider breaking it up as follows: For to us a child is born, | to us a son is given, | and the government | will be on his shoulders. | And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God, | Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace. | —Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

Give each person a pencil. On your turn, choose a half sheet of paper. Then, on the other side of the sheet, begin drawing a picture of what is written on it. Have other players guess what part of the verse you are illustrating. As each round finishes, place the half sheets in verse order. Then, review the whole verse on the final round.

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