

## **Faith Practice Focus: Study**

### **A Monthly Bible Study Reading Plan**

Consider this monthly Bible study to help you dig into the Bible and grow in faith throughout the year. You can study each month on your own, with a friend, group, or with your family. It's intentionally designed to be intergenerational — accessible to all ages, and fit into a busy schedule. Read one story each week or however you like, reflect, and pray. May you and your family be blessed as you study God's Word.

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## **December: The Story of Christmas**

Get ready for Jesus' birthday by reading about what his family did to prepare for him and how some visitors journeyed to see him after his birth. Find each story in your Bible and look it up using the page numbers at right.

Angels Vist                      Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38  
Mary and Joseph

Mary and                         Luke 1:39-56  
Elizabeth

Jesus Is Born                 Luke 2:1-20

The Wise Men                Matthew 2:1-12

### **Ask:**

- What is your favorite part of the Christmas story?
- Many people and groups are part of the Christmas story—angels, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, shepherds, and wise men. Did any of their words or actions surprise you? How? Why?
- Jesus' birth changed the world! How can your family help change the world this Christmas?

### **Do:**

Kids: ask your parents to name someone who reminds them of Elizabeth— someone who was with them and supported them while they waited for YOU to arrive! Write a thank you note, call them on the phone, or invite them to visit to share a meal. Thank them for changing your world for the better!

### **Pray:**

Say this prayer together, including a list of people who show you God's love.

Dear God,

Thank you for people who change the world with their love. [Name the loving people in your life.] Amen!