



Good morning parents!

Today we are starting our Christmas series “A Star is Born”. The Wise Men followed a star to find the baby Jesus little did they know, the true star was Jesus himself – the Son of God who came to bring us light and life. This Christmas we will be encouraging your kids to follow the Star. Today kids will learn that God foretold his plan of salvation thousands of years before Jesus was born.

Along with our Kids Branch @ Home Christmas series to get more into the Christmas spirit Miss Anne and I have put together a Kids Christmas channel on RightNow Media. If you don't have a RightNow Media account you can [sign up](#) for free today!

We find it a great joy to serve your family and to walk alongside you. Please remember that we are here if you are in need of prayer or support. Don't hesitate to reach out!

Kids Branch

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Note: In addition to our Kids Branch @ Home lineups we have other opportunities for you and your kids to give to others this Christmas season.

- Teach and practice generosity as a family by participating in **Angel Tree Christmas**. Angel Tree Christmas is a program run by Prison Fellowship Canada. This program gives us the opportunity to show love and kindness to children who have an incarcerated parent. For the past three years the offering collected in Kids Branch went to help purchasing gifts for children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. This year we are asking families to consider purchasing a gift for a child. This year we are sponsoring 8 children. Each gift is to cost no more than \$35. If your family would like to purchase a gift for this project, please email ANNE@TOB.CA.
- We are collecting **holiday art** for the woman's prison in Milton in partnership with Sharing the Burden. Your kids can bring joy to those in need this season by drawing festive pictures. Please send a picture or drop off your children's work of art to Miss Anne by Sunday December 13th.

Kids Branch @ Home Video Option - This includes worship, a Skit, an Object Lesson and the Bible lesson

- <https://youtu.be/rsaK4f8vbZc>

Kids Branch @ Home Parent Led Option

Worship Suggestions

During worship encourage your kids to sing, follow along with the actions, have a dance party or just listen and think about what the words say who Jesus is and who we are to him. All of these are ways that we can express our joy and love for God.

- Play “Joy to the World” - <https://youtu.be/uhJuVHpB8us>
- Play “For Your Glory” - <https://youtu.be/WARFiMBMc0M>

Bible Story Suggestions – A Star is Born: Darkest Night

Parent Recap: Thousands of years ago, Isaiah described the coming Messiah as a great light for the – people waiting in darkness. That light – that star – would be Jesus, the Son of God.

Read Galatians Isaiah 9:2 - 7

Explore the story

Activity #1: Talk About It (discuss Isaiah 9:2-7 further)

Preschool/Younger Elementary Questions

- How does Isaiah describe the world?
- Who is going to be born?
- What names will he have?
- How can we share the light of Jesus with others this Christmas season?

Older Elementary Questions

- Why was the world lost in darkness?
- Who is the light that is coming?
- What names does Isaiah give to Jesus?
- How did Jesus bring light to our world?
- How can we share that light with others?

Activity #2: Craft

- Have your child draw, decorate and cut out a star
- Have them pick one of the names for Jesus from Isaiah 9 and write it on the star
- Hang the star on your Christmas tree or in their room to remind them of who Jesus is and what we are truly celebrating this Christmas season

Pray Together

As a family thank God for sending his light, his son Jesus, as a light to our world. Ask Jesus to shine in your family's lives so that others can get to know Him.

Join the church in prayer @ 7 PM every day. Find the specific prayer request and scripture on TOB's Instagram or Facebook story. If you or your kids would like to film yourselves reading the scripture verse and praying, please email us.

Memorize Scripture

"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