

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God gives us
what's best.

BIBLE

The Birth of Jesus Foretold:
Luke 1:26–55; Isaiah 61:1–4

QUESTIONS

- **What was the message the angel brought for Mary?** *That she would have a baby named Jesus, the baby would be God's own son.*
- **What happened when Mary visited Elizabeth?** *The baby in Elizabeth's belly leapt for joy.*
- **How did Mary respond to the news?** *She accepted God's plan and sang a song of praise.*
- **Read Isaiah 61:1. This would be the same scripture that Jesus would teach from years later. Who do you think this verse is talking about?** *Jesus!*
- **Whom do you trust to know what's best for you?**
- **Why do we sometimes find it hard to listen to those who know what's best for us?**
- **Does God giving us what's best mean that our lives will be perfect? Why do you think that?**

ACTIVITY

Give each kid a [summer fruit scratch art](#) paper and stick, and have them inscribe the Big Idea on it, along with drawings. You can also have kids [create their own scratch art paper](#) using oil pastels and black paint.

Summer fruits are the best refreshing treats on a warm tropical day! But those aren't the only good things God has given us. **God gives us what's best**, all the time!

Take this *Christmas Vacation* ornament home and put it on a tree, the fridge, or somewhere like that to help you remember what we talked about today!

MEMORY VERSE: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." — John 1:9 (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

