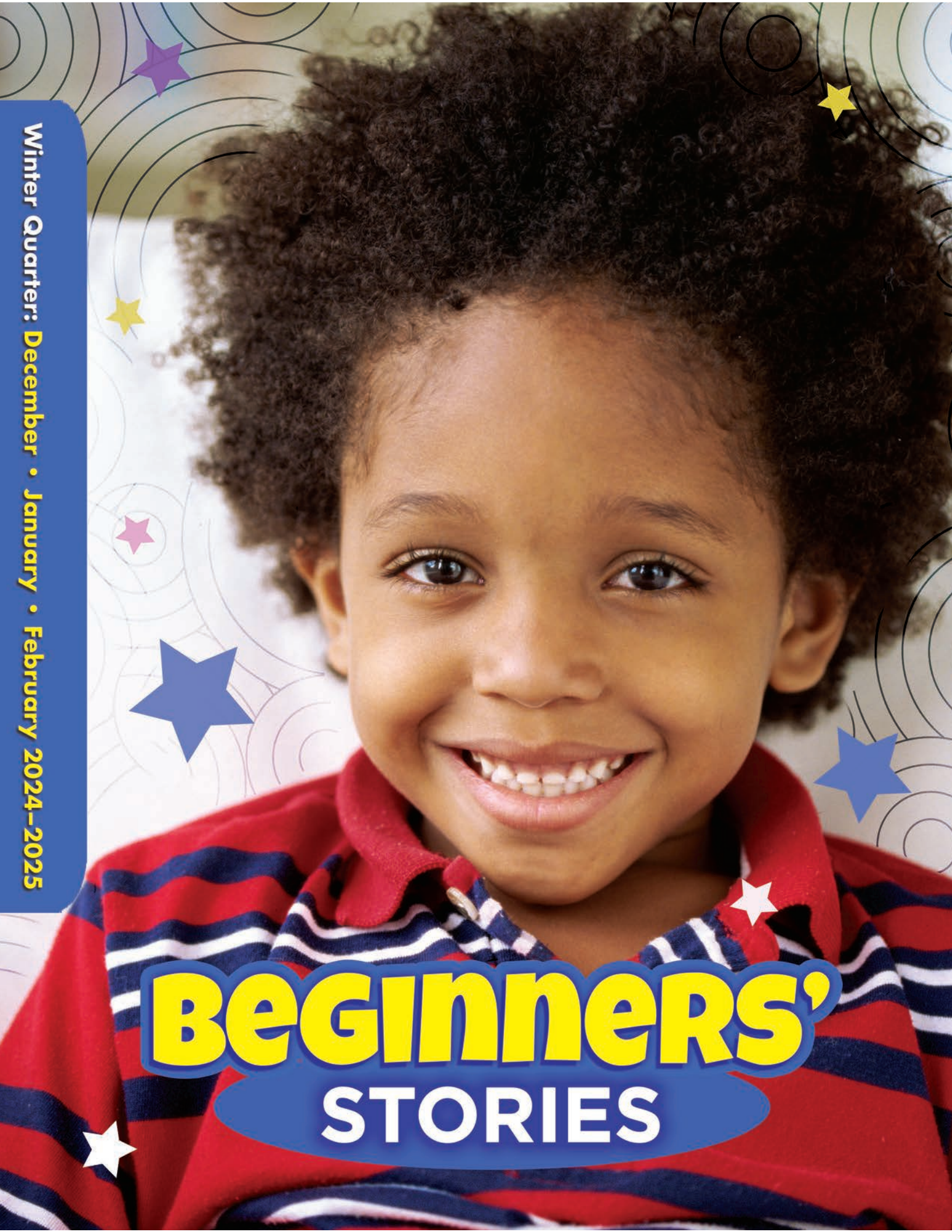


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# LETTER TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents,

The lessons in this class will allow your toddlers to learn about Jesus and help them develop a foundation in Christ to grow in their knowledge of God's holy Word.

Unit I, "Jesus: God's Chosen King," contains five lessons from the books of Ruth, 2 Samuel, and Luke. Lessons 1 and 2 deal with key moments in the history of Jesus' ancestors. Lesson 3 considers the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for a "Savior," while lesson 4 highlights how Jesus' birth brings Good News to the world. Lesson 5 provides a glimpse of Jesus, the "Son of David," who bestows mercy on the needy.

Unit II, "Songs for the King," is a four-week study of four psalms that extol the reign of God. Psalm 10 (lesson 6) explores a lament in which the psalmist finds comfort in the assurance of God's reign. Psalm 93 (lesson 7) praises God as the eternal and all-powerful King. Psalms 103 and 145 (lessons 8 and 9) recount God's merciful and powerful acts as ruler of an everlasting kingdom.

Unit III, "Jesus Teaches about God's Kingdom," is comprised of four lessons from the book of Matthew. In lesson 10, Jesus teaches the disciples a "model prayer." Lesson 11 presents a frank acknowledgment that the kingdom of heaven will meet resistance in this world. Lesson 12 relays the promise of a reward in the kingdom for Jesus' committed followers. Finally, in lesson 13, Jesus tells a parable challenging His followers to serve the King faithfully.

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Your Child's Teacher





# Good Family Connections

Lesson Scriptures: Ruth 4:9-17; Luke 3:23, 31b-32



## Key Verse

The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. (Ruth 4:17)







## Good Family Connections

(Ruth 4:9-17; Luke 3:23, 31b-32)

Boaz bought Naomi's family land. He married Naomi's daughter-in-law, Ruth.

The people prayed that Ruth would be like Rachel and Leah. They prayed that any children would be like Perez, Tamar's son.

Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed. The women praised God and prayed that Obed would provide for his grandmother Naomi. Naomi cared for the baby. Obed became the father of Jesse, and the grandfather of David.

Jesus was born many years later. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. Jesus' family included Nathan, David, Jesse, Obed, Boaz, Salmon, Nahshon, and others.

## For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, your child heard how Jesus' family tree included Boaz, Ruth, Obed, Jesse, David, and others. We looked at how families extend through many different generations. We all have family connections. This week, work with your child to help him or her understand how his/her family tree branches out to different individuals. Help him/her complete the family tree reproducible printout given by his or her teacher and return it next week.

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Your Child's Teacher



**Faith Block**

**It is all  
in the family!**





# David Desires to Build a Temple

Lesson Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:4-17



## Key Verse

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you.” (2 Samuel 7:11c)







## David Desires to Build a Temple

(2 Samuel 7:4-17)

God gave Nathan a message for David: "Should David build a house for Me?" God did not live in a house when He brought the people out of Egypt. God lived in a tent. God never asked why there was no house for Him.

God took David from the pasture and made him king. God was with David wherever he went. God would make David famous. God gave the Israelite people a safe home.

God promised David that his family members would be kings. David's kingdom would last forever. David's son would build God a house. God would love him forever.

## For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, your child heard about David's plans to build a temple for God. Instead, God sent a message to David through the prophet Nathan that David's son would build God a temple. God blessed David with an everlasting kingdom. Help your child recall when his or her plans were changed, but the new plans were better than he or she imagined. Praise God together for caring enough to sometimes change your plans and make them better.

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Your Child's Teacher



**Faith Block**

**God has plans  
for us!**





# Preparing the Way

Lesson Scripture: Luke 1:67-80



## Key Verses

[Zechariah prophesied to John,] "You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins." (Luke 1:76-77)







## Preparing the Way

(Luke 1:67-80)

Zechariah praised God for a king from David's family. This mighty king would save the people! God showed them mercy. God remembered His promise to Abraham to rescue the people. The people would serve God without fear.

Zechariah said that his son would be a prophet. He would prepare the way for the Savior, Jesus. Zechariah's son would tell the people how to be forgiven for their sins. God's mercy would bring sunshine and peace.

As Zechariah's son, John, grew, so did his spirit. Later, he lived in the wilderness until it was time to preach to the people.

## For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, your child heard how Zechariah prophesied about his son, John, who would go before Jesus and prepare the people for Jesus' arrival. Jesus, the coming King, would bring salvation to the people living in darkness. Tell your child that Jesus loves him or her and forgives his or her sins or bad choices. Pray with your child to receive forgiveness. Then, sing a praise song together about Jesus' love.

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Your Child's Teacher



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**John prepared  
the way!**



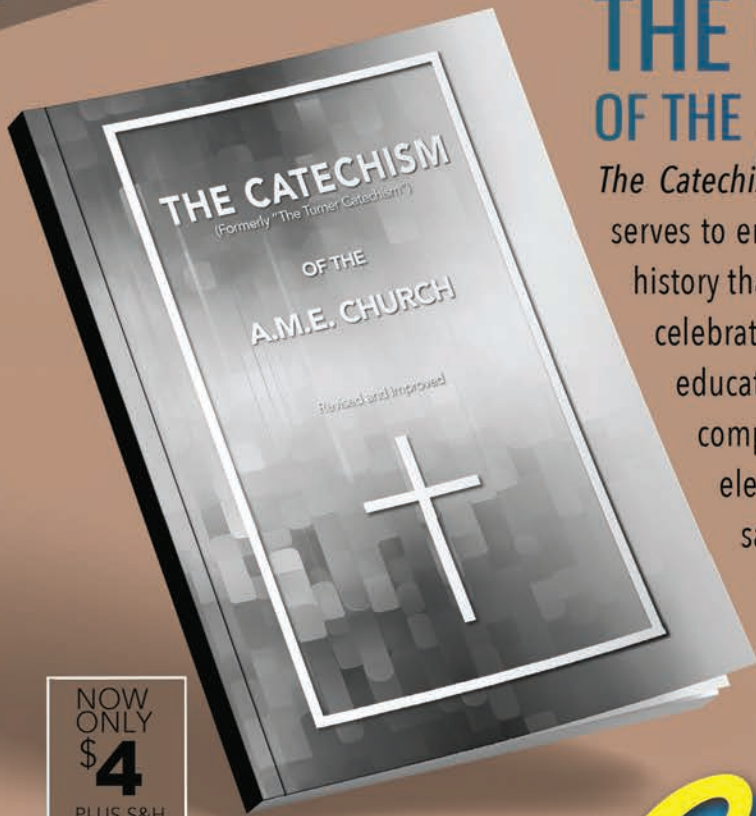


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