

# THIS WEEK WITH SANDALS CHURCH KIDS;

Next, we take a closer look at Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in *ChristMESS* while we read the story of Jesus' first moments in Luke 2:1-7. We discover that Jesus' birth may not have quite been what we imagined, but nevertheless God became human and lived with us.

## ONE THING

*Christmas is about God's presence, not presents*

We want to guide kids' to recognize God's active presence in their lives, even during the most distracting and chaotic times of the year.

## ACTION STEP

*I can be real with God by celebrating who he is.*

Recognizing Jesus for who he is, the Godman who came to earth in the most unremarkable way just to save us, leads us to true wonder and awe of God.



# THE CONVERSATION

**THE STARTER:** Tell your kids about your favorite Christmas present you've ever received.

1. What was your favorite Christmas present? Are presents what Christmas is all about? Why?
2. Christmas is really all about how God came to earth to be with us through Jesus. Jesus is still with us even now! What's one thing we can do to help us remember that Jesus is with us?
3. Why do we celebrate things? What makes something worth celebrating?



**How can you get real about celebrating who God is this week?  
(or how can you put it into practice?)**

# NEXT STEPS



Find this logo on the Get Real Guide and read the "Now What" Activity together. Together, make a plan on how you can put into action what your child learned today!

Grab some construction paper and cut it into 10 strips. Then think about 10 different times God is present with you during your day. Write one on each of the ten strips. Then staple, glue, or tape the strips together to make a paper chain. Hang it somewhere as part of your Christmas decorations to remind you that God is always present.