**Family Devotions: Scope & Sequence**

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| **Week** | **Topic** | **Central Messages** | **Scripture Focus** |
| Oct. 4-10 | Creation | God made everything good!  God made people in God’s own image – different from each other, yet sharing the same flesh and in union with each other & God  We were made to be friends with God, with the job of caring for God’s creation | Genesis 1-2 |
| Oct. 11-17 | Things go wrong/need for rescue | Adam and Eve chose not to trust God and obey God’s commandments  God’s good creation got broken and is still broken  We need rescuing; creation needs rescuing  God hints that a rescuer will come | Genesis 3 |
| Oct. 18-24 | Abraham/light to nations | God chose a particular family to carry God’s love and light to the world  The rescuer would come from Abraham’s family | Gen. 12:1-4  Gen. 15:1-6 |
| Oct 25-Nov.1 | Moses/Passover/ Exodus | God sent Moses to rescue Abraham’s family from slavery  God taught the Israelites how to remember their rescue | Exodus 1-14 |
| Nov. 8-14 | Wilderness/  Gift of the law | God led God’s people & taught them to trust, giving them what they needed in the wilderness  God’s law was a gift; it showed exactly how to live a full and abundant life on earth (how to care well for what God made)  By following God’s law, we choose life | Exodus 15-20  Deut. 30:11-20 |
| Nov. 15-21 | Kings/Davidic Covenant | God made Israel a nation and gave them kings to lead them.  God promised that David’s kingdom would be established forever.  The Rescuer to come would be a king from David’s family. | 1 Samuel 16  2 Samuel 7 |
| Nov. 22-28 | Exile/prophets | God’s people couldn’t/didn’t follow God’s law.  They lost their homes and land and kingdom.  They longed for a rescuer. | 2 Chronicles 36:15-21  Daniel 9:11-19 |
| Nov. 29-  Dec. 5 | Prophets | God sent prophets to remind people of how to live  The prophets gave us clues and hope about the rescuer to come | Isaiah |
| Dec. 6-12 | Zechariah & Elizabeth/Gabriel appears to Mary | The time has finally come! God’s rescuer is on the way!  Elizabeth becomes pregnant with the Preparer.  Mary says yes to God and becomes the mother of Jesus, the Rescuer. | Luke 1:1-38 |
| Dec.13-19 | Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, & John | Mary talks about how Jesus will turn the world upside down.  Joseph says yes to God. | Luke 1:39-80  Mt. 1:18-25 |
| Dec. 20-26 | Christmas/ shepherds & angels | Jesus, the king and rescuer, is born in poverty in a stable.  The first people to know the good news are poor shepherds. | Luke 2:1-20 |
| Dec. 27-Jan. 2 | Wise men | Outsiders come from far away to worship the new king; Jesus is already reaching out beyond the borders of Israel. | Matthew 2:1-12 |

January-Easter (April 4): Jesus’ life, ministry, death and resurrection

Easter-August: Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances, Pentecost, Early Church & Paul