

# JANUARY 2019

COME *Follow* ME ♦ NEW TESTAMENT

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	December 31–January 6 • We Are Responsible for Our Own Learning					
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GOSPEL DOCTRINE Primary & GD: <i>We Are Responsible for Our Own Learning</i>						
	January 7–13 • Matthew 1; Luke 1 • “Be It unto Me according to Thy Word”					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RS & EQ Primary: <i>“Be It unto Me according to Thy Word”</i>						
	January 14–20 • Luke 2; Matthew 2 • We Have Come to Worship Him					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
GOSPEL DOCTRINE Primary & GD: <i>We Have Come to Worship Him</i>						
	January 21–27 • John 1 • We Have Found the Messiah					
27	28	29	30	31		
RS & EQ Primary: <i>We Have Found the Messiah</i>						
	January 28–February 3 • Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3 • “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”					

Learning is not complete until we  
**Follow the Savior**  
 by living what He taught.

**be doers of the word**  
 and not simply hearers who are only acted upon.

**What has the Savior asked you to give up?**

Luke 18: 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

Matthew 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;  
 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.  
 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.  
 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold...

**THE PARABLE**



**OF THE SOWER**



OR THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR TYPES OF SOIL

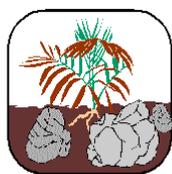
**What can I do to nurture my own testimony?**

**The Parable of the Sower**

**The Seed is the Word of God**



The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

**What type of Soil are You?**

**Is God Growing in Your Heart?**

What can we do to cultivate  
 “good ground” in our home?

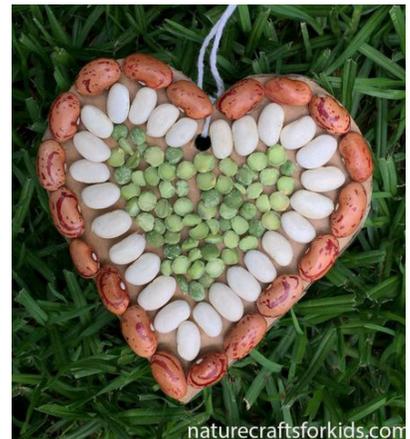
Galations 5:22-23  
 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

## PARABLE OF THE SOWER | SEED ART

### SUPPLY LIST

- Rice, beans, bird seed, corn kernels, and sunflower seeds
- Glue (Emlers or Mod Podge)
- Cardboard or other sturdy surface

Let your children choose the design they'd like to do. Make sure glue is completely dry before moving. Take a photo to place in their journal.



## The Parable of the Sower

**Mark 4:1-20**



some seeds fell on the path and were eaten by birds



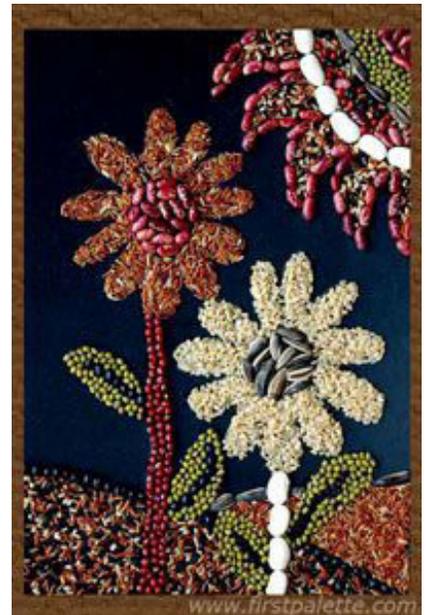
some seeds fell on rocks but dried up because they had no root



some seeds fell among the thorns and were choked out



still others fell on good soil and they produced 100 x more



### Matthew 13 • Parable of the Sower

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## God's Perfect Timing

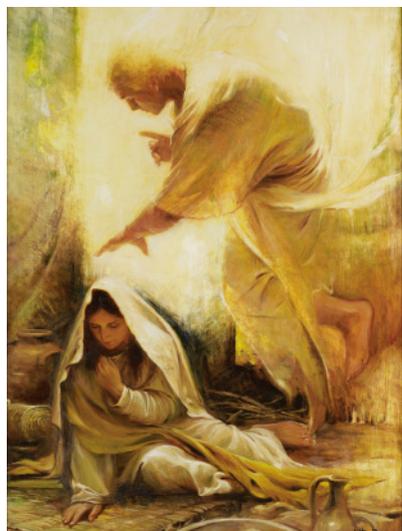


### God's timing vs our timing

#### Can we overcome our weaknesses?

Mary's response can also be ours when God reveals His will:

**“Be it unto me according to thy word”** (Luke 1:38).



What other stories—from the scriptures or your own life—in which God did seemingly impossible things?

*Luke 1:5–25, 57–80*

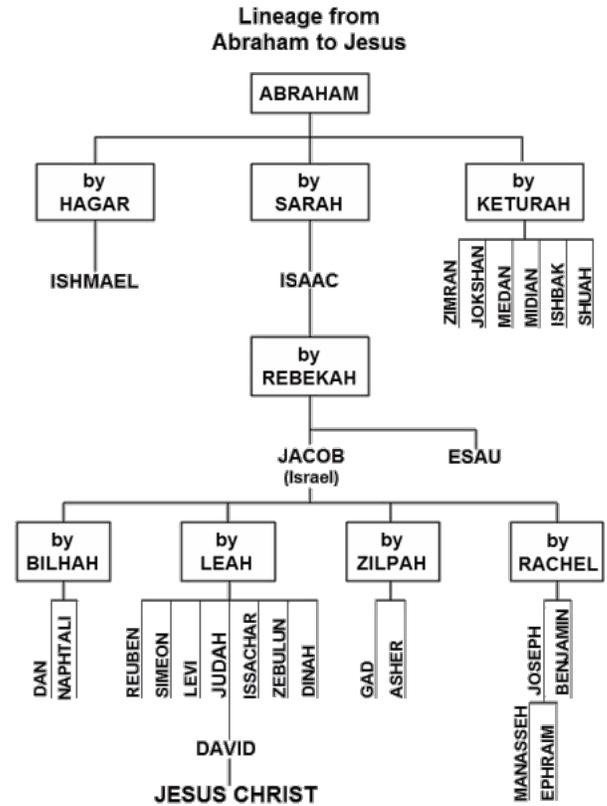
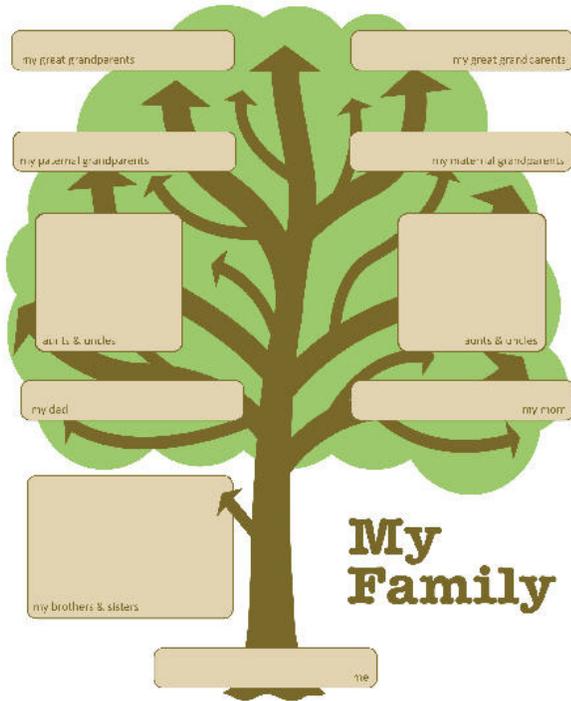
**God's blessings come in His own time.**

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland promised, “Some blessings come soon, some come late, and some don't come until heaven; but for those who embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ, **they come**”

Do you find yourself waiting for a blessing? What do you feel the Lord expects of you while you wait?



The genealogy of Jesus traces His royal lineage through Joseph back to King David. This lineage was significant because it had been prophesied that the Messiah would come through the lineage of David (see Jeremiah 23:5-6).



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Discuss your own family history and share some stories about your ancestors.

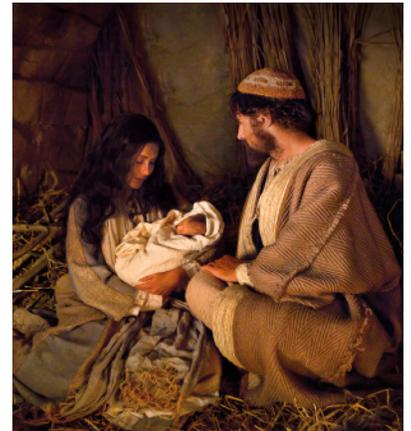
*How does knowing about your family history bless your family?*



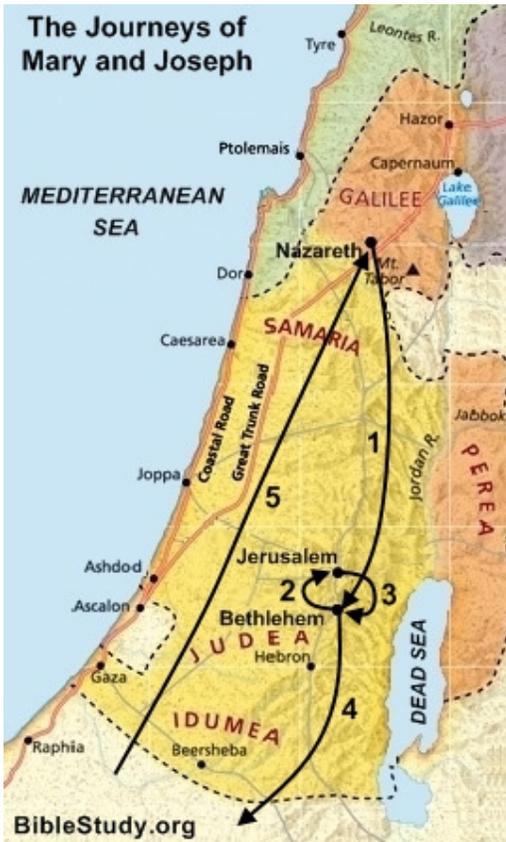


It wasn't just the new star in the heavens or the joyous angelic proclamation that made Jesus's infancy unique. It was also the fact that such a variety of faithful people—from different nations, professions, and backgrounds—

felt immediately drawn to Him.



What do you learn about the Savior from the circumstances of His birth?



What is the "Father's business"? (see Moses 1:39)  
"my work and my glory—is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

Write down some ways your family can participate in the **FATHER'S BUSINESS**

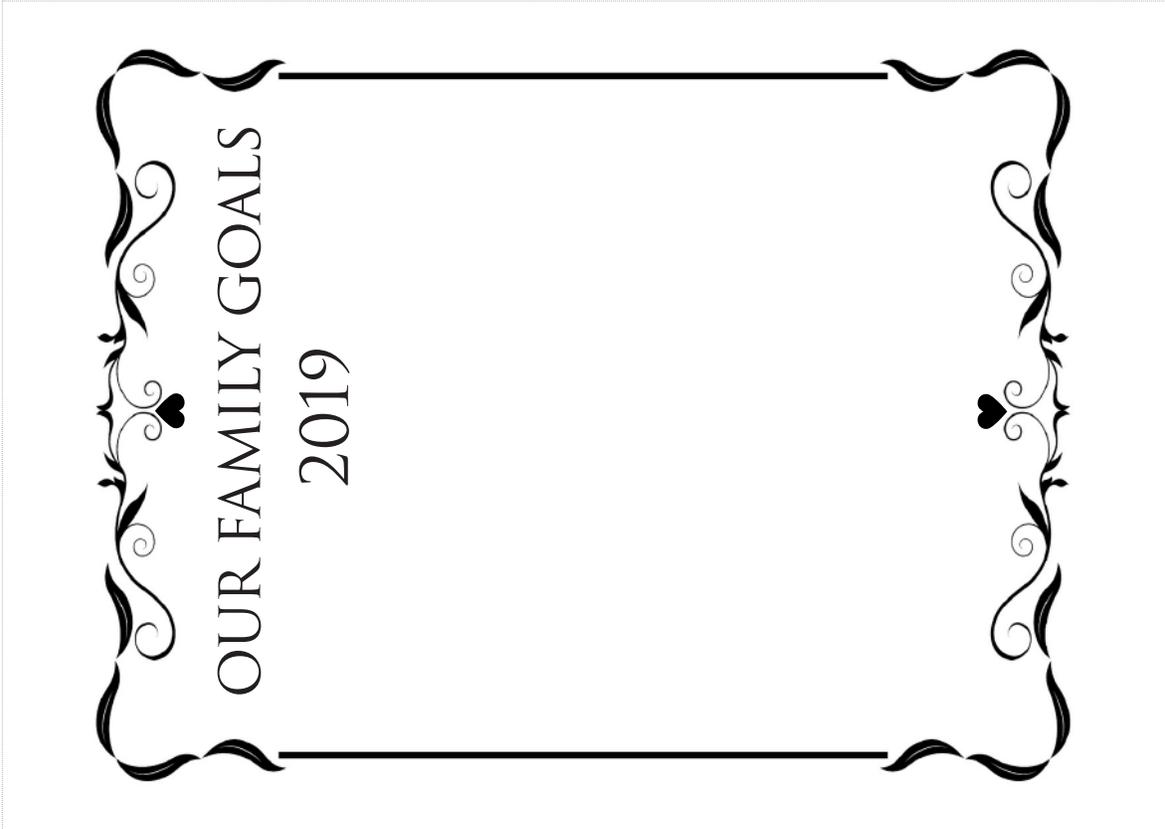
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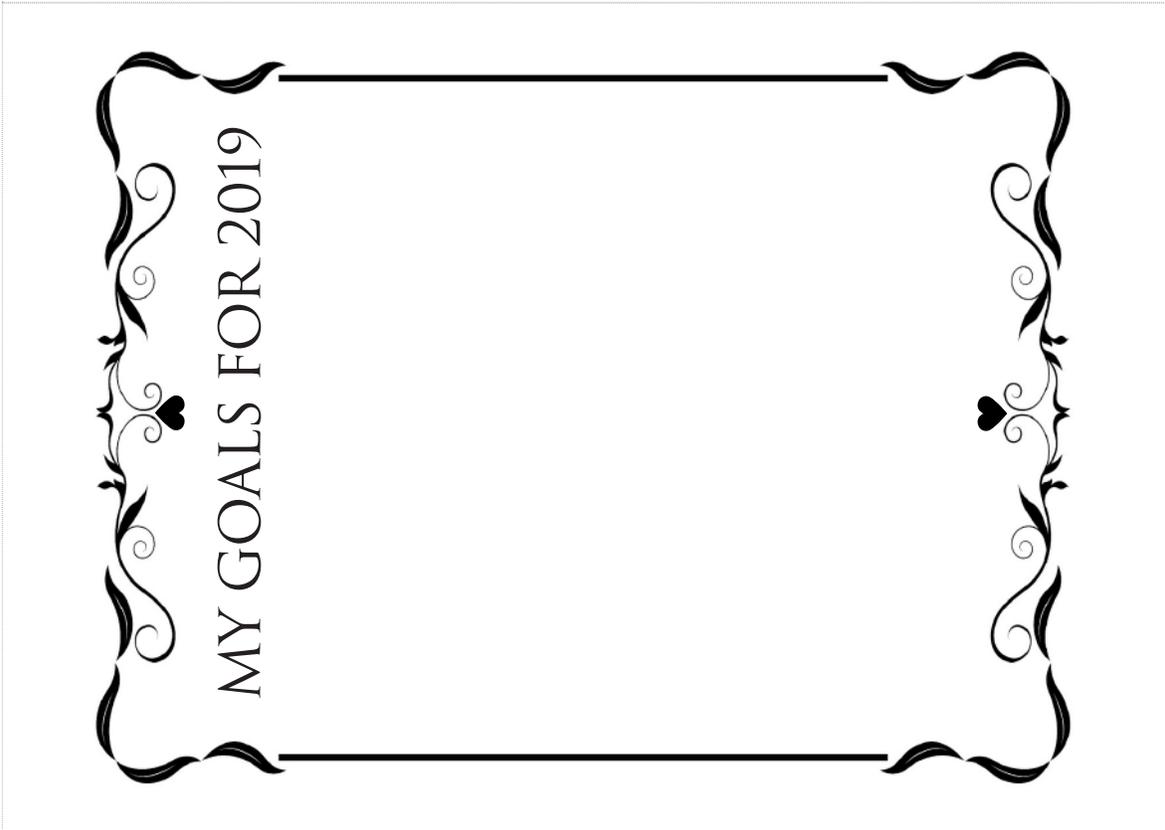
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OUR FAMILY GOALS  
2019

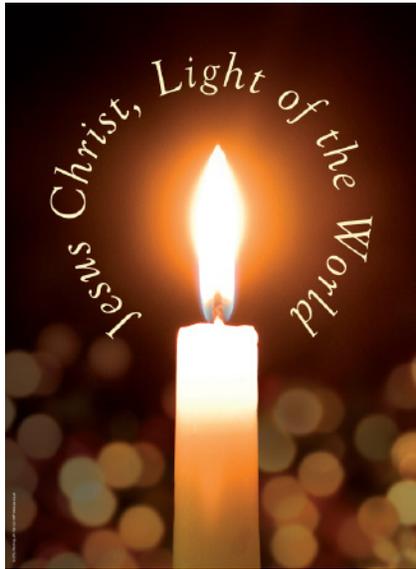
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MY GOALS FOR 2019

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# JESUS CHRIST

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



## THE SAVIOR IS THE LIGHT



What did Nathanael do that helped him gain a testimony of the Savior?

How have I gained my testimony?



What experiences have helped you to come to know and follow the Savior?

## My witness of Christ:



We are all spirit sons and daughters of God,  
When we sin we become separated from Him. Jesus Christ offers us a way back.  
Through His atoning sacrifice and our obedience to gospel covenants, we are born again and become worthy of His eternal inheritance.

True repentance means turning our heart and will to God

Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance



How can you show that you have truly repented?

What are the cleansing characteristics of fire.

Why is the gift of the Holy Ghost described as a "baptism of fire"?



The Holy Ghost acts as a cleansing agent to purify them and sanctify us from all sin...thus it is often spoken of as "fire".

Record your baptism experience in your journal.

# MY BAPTISM

What can I do to please God?

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*What could you leave your children and grandchildren that would be of the most worth?*

What about your testimony of Jesus Christ and personal experiences that have built your faith.

Answer as many of these questions as you'd like and then get the answers into the hands of your family.

Then when the family is studying during the week, your personal stories can be shared. Send them however you feel most comfortable: email, text, written down or video chat. What a treasure you would be leaving your posterity.

*We Are Responsible for Our Own Learning*

**week one**

DECEMBER 31- JANUARY 6

Share a story with your family when the Savior asked you to give up something?

What did you do to cultivate "good ground" in your home?

Share some things your parents did to cultivate "good ground" in your home growing up.

Share what you do to nurture your testimony?

Share an experience where your testimony grew.

*"Be It unto Me according to Thy Word" | Matt 1; Luke 1*

**week two**

JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 13

Share an example from your life when you overcame a weakness.

Share stories—from your own life—in which God did seemingly impossible things.

God's blessings come in His own time. Share a time when you had to wait for a blessing.

What do you feel the Lord expects of you while you wait?

Share some stories about ancestors who showed strength.

How has knowing about your family history blessed your life?

*We Have Come to Worship Him | Matt 2; Luke 2*

**week three**

JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 20

Ponder experiences when you have felt God's guidance in protecting you and your family or loved ones.

Share some of those experiences with your family.

How do you participate in the Father's Business?

*We Have Found the Messiah | John 1*

**week four**

JANUARY 21 – JANUARY 27

How have I gained my testimony?

What experiences have helped you to come to know and follow the Savior?

Write down and share your feelings about the Savior.

My witness of Christ:

*"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" | Matt 3; Mark 1; Luke 3*

**week five**

JANUARY 28–FEBRUARY 3

Share some experiences about a missionary companion.

Record your baptism experience share it with your family.

When has your heart turned to God?

# BIBLE STUDY IDEAS FOR TEENS

Each teen has something that motivates them. Use this to encourage participation as your family studies the New Testament.

- Before the year starts, take them out and ask them to be a leader in the family (younger siblings really look up to them).
- Reward them for completing weekly scripture study; if they finish the assigned reading they earn \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank with something they really LOVE); some rewards could include: extended time on their favorite video games; 30 min. of extra curfew; gift cards to their favorite restaurant or take them there; pizza party with friends; new socks or other clothing item; teens love independence so anything that has to do with being more independent.
- Have bigger goals that they can earn bigger incentives for completing.
- Ask them to teach and lead activities and lessons.
- Invite other families that have teenagers to participate in your lessons and activities; invite teens that don't have gospel lessons in their homes to come to your house (teens love to hang out with their peers).
- Use technology and have the teen be tech support (have them choose the bible videos or other media to supplement the lessons).
- Involve them in the planning and execution (help them learn how to make decisions by using the Spirit.)
- Serve a cause that they choose and have them educate the family group on the issues surrounding the cause (children's hospitals; mental health facilities; food banks; NICU, etc.).
- Ask them what they would like to focus on this year while studying the New Testament.

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## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

On a scale of 1-10, indicate how interested you would be in these activities pertaining to a study of the New Testament

Memorizing scriptures

highly interested > 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 < not interested

Learning about the writers of the New Testament

highly interested > 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 < not interested

Learning about the geography and locations

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Gaining doctrinal knowledge

highly interested > 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 < not interested

Going out and applying what is taught

highly interested > 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 < not interested

Stronger testimony of Jesus Christ

highly interested > 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 < not interested

Learning to recognize the Spirit

highly interested > 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 < not interested



Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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