

Family Worship
Week of November 5, 2023

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: A Child Is born

Monday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 21:1-7
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "God always keeps his promises." This is a real comfort to us because God has made promises to us! What promises has God made that have already been fulfilled? What promises have not yet been fulfilled? Our hope in their fulfillment rests in the character of God, who never lies and never fails.
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 21:1-21; Habakkuk 2:2-3
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "God's promises are never delayed, but are perfectly timed." God's promises are sometimes fulfilled thousands of years later. If God seems to delay, does that undermine his faithfulness? Does it mean he hasn't or won't keep his promises? Can we trust God to do what is right at the right time? Yes! And so we wait patiently and in faith for the promises to be fulfilled.
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 9:6-8
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "God's saving grace is particular." God's promises aren't for everyone. They are only for the offspring of Abraham – and even then, only for some of his offspring. Which offspring does Paul tell us in Romans 9 the promises are for? The "children of the promise" – that is, those who believe and repent, whether they are Jew or Gentile. We know we are children of the promise, then, because we have believed and repented. No one else will receive the promised salvation of God. Have you believed in Jesus Christ and repented of your sin?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 21:22-34
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 21:22-34
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer