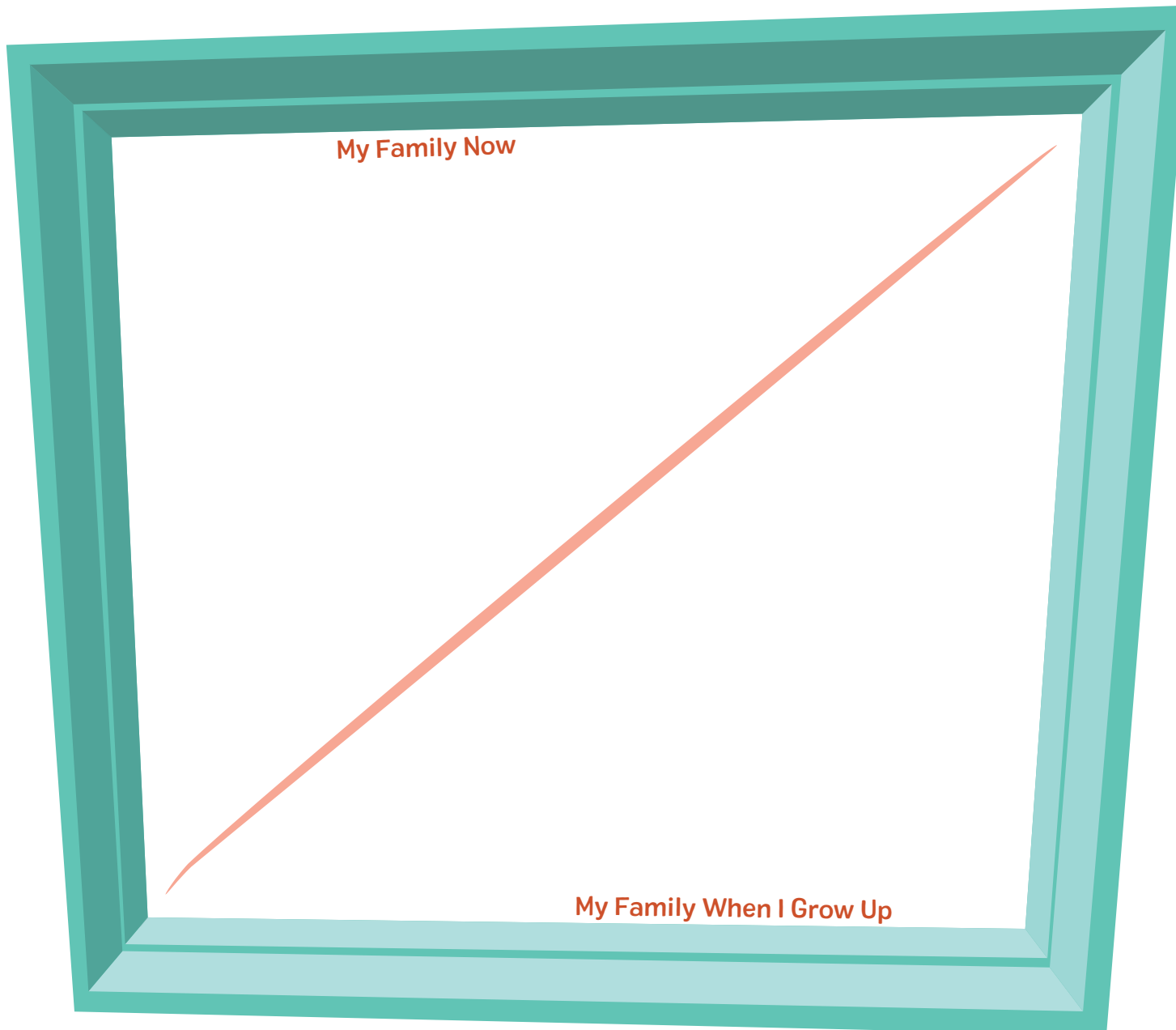


Family Portrait

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the space provided to draw a picture of your family.



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Unit 19 • Session 1
From Adam to Jesus

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus had an earthly family like us.
- Jesus' family included Adam, Abraham, and David.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Rescuer.
- Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is it important to know about Jesus' family?
- How can we be a part of Jesus' spiritual family?
- How can we help Jesus' spiritual family grow?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- If possible, plan a visit with grandparents or other older family members. Help your kids come up with questions they can ask their relatives to learn more about your family's heritage.



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Baby or Maybe

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle items needed to care for a baby. Draw boxes around items that are helpful, but not necessary.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Zechariah and Elizabeth were too old to have children.
- God sent an angel to tell Zechariah that Elizabeth would have a son.
- Zechariah did not believe at first.
- John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Which prophet said that a messenger would prepare the way for the Messiah? (*See Mal. 3:1.*)
- What ways can you help prepare people to meet Jesus?
- How can we learn to trust God right away?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plan one-on-one time with each of your kids. Take them somewhere fun and tell them about how they became a part of your family. Were any parts of their adoptions or births a bit scary? What part of each arrival was most exciting?

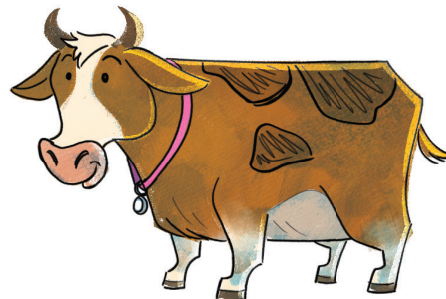
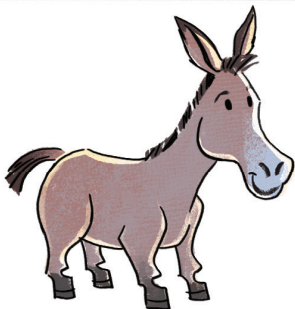
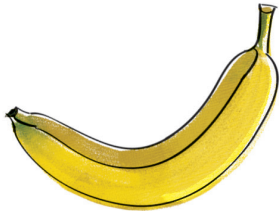
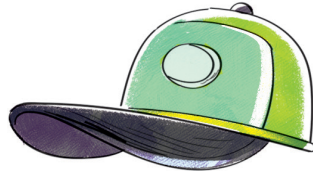


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Not Like Others

INSTRUCTIONS: In each triplet, circle the item that doesn't belong.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to be counted.
- There was no guest room available, so they stayed where animals are kept.
- Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think God sent Jesus to ordinary people, instead of someone wealthy or powerful?
- How do you feel when you think about Jesus coming to earth as a human baby?
- Why is Jesus' birth so important?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plan a day to celebrate Christmas, regardless of the time of year. Pick one or two of your family's favorite traditions and do them together. Talk about the true meaning of Christmas and why we can celebrate it all year.



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Waiting for Whom?

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the color-coded, hidden letters and unscramble them to learn whom Simeon and Anna waited for.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple as a baby to obey God's law.
- Simeon and Anna waited a long time to meet the Messiah.
- Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Simeon know who Jesus is?
- What did Anna do after meeting Jesus?
- How can we worship Jesus as the Messiah?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a game with your kids to encourage and demonstrate patience. Offer them half a treat, explaining that they can have the full treat if they wait five minutes before eating the offered half. Discuss why waiting for Jesus would have been difficult but worth the wait.

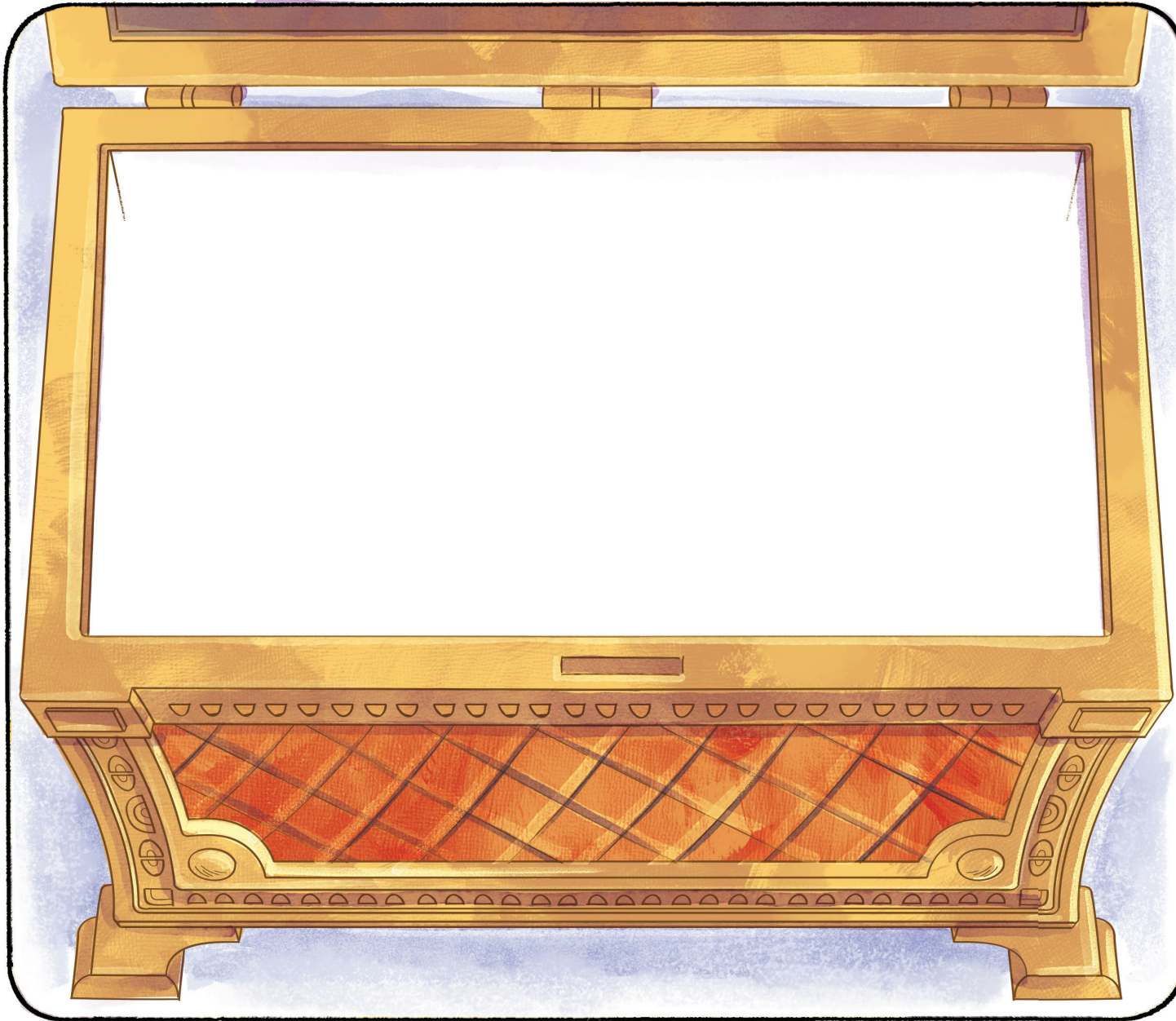


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Giving Treasure

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a picture of something you treasure.



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Jesus as a Child

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Wise men from the east visited Jesus and gave Him valuable gifts.
- Mary, Joseph, and Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover each year as Jesus grew up.
- One year, Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem without Jesus.
- Eventually, they found Jesus in the temple, talking about Scripture.
- Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were Mary and Joseph confused by Jesus' answer about being in His Father's house?
- What was God's plan for Jesus?
- How can we be a part of doing God's plan, too?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Make a plan for what to do if you ever get separated from your kids. Discuss the plan with your kids and run "lost drill" with them.



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