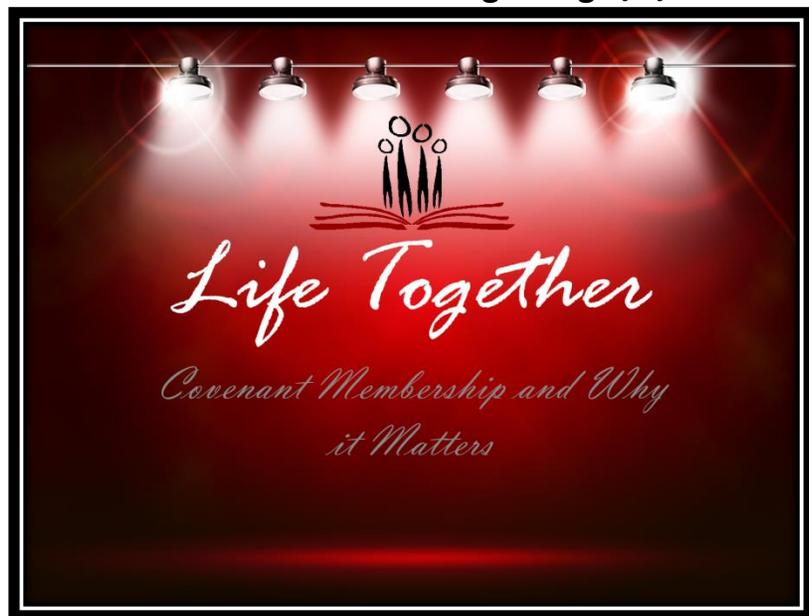


Welcome to Worship with us! Please take a moment to fill out the **Communication Card** inside this guide and place it in the offering box. We're so glad you've decided to worship with us this morning!

Family Devotion Resources now available. We have purchased devotions for preschool age children and adults. We plan to purchase resources for elementary age children and youth. Your family may purchase 1 for \$10, 2 for \$15, and 3 or 4 for \$20. These items are available at the Welcome Center.

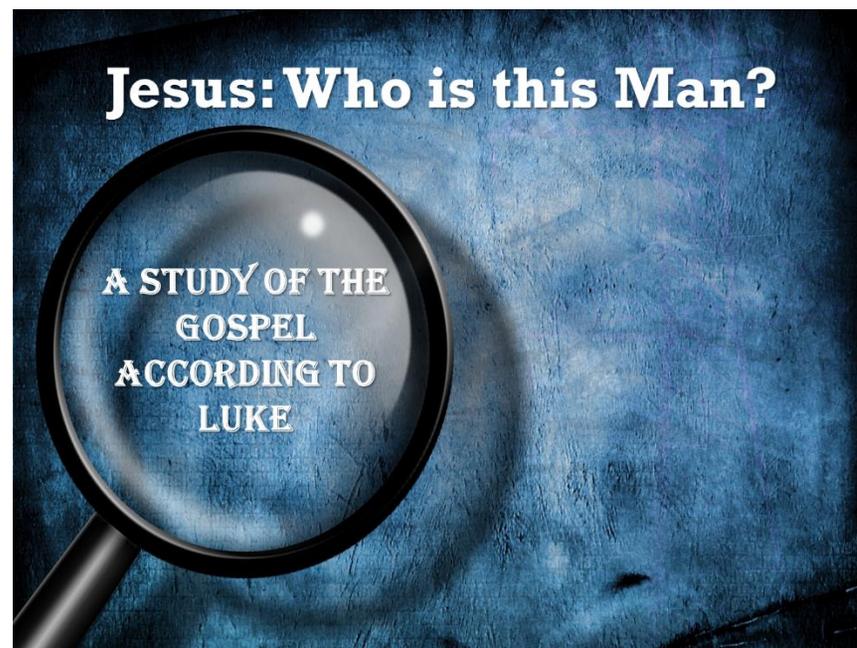
Giving can be done in the box in the back of the room or online at www.encounterlifechurch.org/give. Thanks for your act of worship as you faithfully give and support the work God is doing through ELC!

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Family Worship Guide December 29, 2013

Happy New Year!

Family Worship Night
Week of December 29, 2013

LUKE 2:41-52

INTRODUCTION

As people who are aiming to faithfully follow God, Joseph and Mary take their family to Jerusalem for the annual Passover Feast. In all of the festivities, Jesus is left behind when it's time to go home. Mary and Joseph return to find him in the Temple.

DISCUSSION: Who did Jesus come for, and why?

EXPLANATION:

1. What feast were Joseph and Mary taking Jesus to? *The Passover.*
2. How old was Jesus when they went? *Twelve.*
3. How far away was Jesus' family before they realized he wasn't with them? *One day's journey.*
4. Where did Jesus' parents finally find him? *At the Temple talking to teachers.*
5. What did everyone think about Jesus questions and answers? *They were all amazed.*
6. What was Jesus' response to his parents when they asked him where he had been? *He asked why they were looking all over for him, didn't they know he would be in his Father's house?*
7. How did Jesus grow up? *He grew strong and wise, and God's favor was on him.*

APPLICATION: Mary and Joseph led Jesus and his siblings well, by pointing them toward the Father. As parents, how are you helping your children know and understand the Gospel? As siblings, how are you helping your brothers and sisters understand the gospel? Who else might God be putting in your life to point toward him, to lead them to follow Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 2:52 - "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." (ESV)

Prayer Thought: Take time to pray for those you've spoken about during your family time together.

*For more information on how to have a
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