

## God's Great Gift

### Discussion Questions

Q1. What does Christmas mean to you?

Q2. What does the birth of Jesus mean to humankind? Why was it so important to us that God become a man?

Q3. Have you ever wondered if God celebrates Christmas? (yes, I realize this is a strange question) What do you think it means to him?

### Read Luke 2:25-35 (p.615)

Q4. We hear lots about Christ being the "Saviour" at this time of year. Why would he be called a Saviour?

Q5. Do you think people need a Saviour? Why or why not? What do people need to be saved from?

Q6. What does Simeon mean when he says that Jesus would be a "light for revelation to the Gentiles"?

*[A Gentile is a non-Jewish person – your kids may not know this]*

Q7. What is the significance of Jesus being this light for revelation to you personally?

Q8. Jesus was born of a virgin, was God become a man, lived a life dedicated to save people from sin and death, and died for you in your place on a cross. Have these facts changed the way you live your life? If so, how? If not, why not?

### Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

#### **Luke 2:25-35 (NLT – p.615)**

<sup>25</sup> At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him <sup>26</sup> and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,  
as you have promised.

<sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared for all people.

<sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations,  
and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

<sup>33</sup> Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. <sup>35</sup> As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."