

## Unit 19 • Session 2

Session Title: John Was Born

Bible Passage: Luke 1

**Story Point:** 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.

### **Zipped lips**

Task your group with completing a challenge, such as lining up by age, acting out their favorite TV show, or using their bodies to make different shapes on the ground. Inform the kids that they may not speak while completing the challenge.

**SAY** • Wow, that was difficult! We spend a lot of time speaking to communicate, and it's tough to get our ideas across without talking. Today, we will learn about a man who doubted God and couldn't speak until God kept His promise to send a baby boy. How would you feel if you couldn't speak for nine months?

### **A job to do**

Gather the kids to sit in a circle. Show the different tools or pictures of tools and ask the kids to raise their hands if they know what the tool is designed to do. Call on a kid and let her describe the tool and what it does. Suggested tools: hammer, soup ladle, padlock, pencil

**Say** • Each of those tools was designed with a specific job or purpose in mind. A hammer is great for pounding in nails, but it wouldn't work well for serving soup. Today we will learn about a baby boy whom God had big plans for. When this boy grew up, God used him to prepare the way for the Messiah. How might someone prepare the way for the Messiah?

### **Cinco Marias**

Introduce the Brazilian game "Cinco Marias" (or "Five Marias"). The game is similar to jacks and is usually played with small, smooth stones. Scatter four beanbags or smooth stones or other objects on the floor. Invite a family member to throw one bag or stone or other object into the air, grab one bag from the floor, and catch the tossed bag before it lands. Repeat, trying to grab two bags from the floor, and so on. Allow time for every kid to have a turn.

After everyone has a chance to play, take the five beanbags and brainstorm as a group five ways to pray for missionaries. Place one bag on the floor for each prayer request and ask for a volunteer to say a prayer aloud.

**Say** • It's fun to learn something about a different culture, like this game from Brazil. We can be a part of God's mission to reach the nations by learning and praying. We are helping to prepare the way for people to know and love Jesus.