

# WEEK 5



## THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

### ICE BREAKER:



What is one thing you are grateful for this Christmas?  
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✦ Do you know why we give gifts at Christmas? (wait for response) We give each other gifts to show how much we love one another. This is the exact same reason that God gave us the 'Greatest Gift of All'...Jesus! You see way back at the beginning when God created the world, everything was perfect until sin entered the world. From this moment on, God knew he needed to do something in order to save us from our bad choices. If God didn't do something, we wouldn't be able to live forever and enjoy all the things God has for us. So He decided to send us His Son, Jesus. God showed us how much He loves us by sending Jesus (His own son!) as a baby, then while he was an adult, he died on the cross. Can you imagine dying for someone? Jesus died for all of us. He will always be the best gift ever, because He died on the cross to save us from our sins. He took that heavy feeling we have from sins and bad choices and washed them all away. All we have to do is believe that He did this and ask for forgiveness. The reason Jesus is the greatest gift is because He is always there. He never runs out of batteries or gets broken. Jesus makes us feel whole, loved, saved, and forgiven. Jesus is not only our greatest gift, but our best friend who wants us to live with Him forever.



### PRAY:

Loving God, thank you for sending Jesus to earth. He truly is the greatest gift we could ever receive. Help us to remember that this Christmas, and that toys and other gifts come and go, but the love of Jesus is forever. Amen.

### DIG DEEP

Name a gift that you think would be better than Jesus. Discuss why you think it would be better.

### DIG DEEPER

✦ What about this gift would fade? What would make you not interested in it? Will it get broken? Will you grow out of it? Will it become 'not cool' to you? Discuss why Jesus is the greatest gift again and how He never changes and yet continues to be exactly what we need.



# CORE VALUES



## WORSHIP FREE:



- ◆ Drive around and look at Christmas lights and talk about how the wisemen follow a star to see Jesus, the newborn King. These lights can remind us of that star. Listen to Christmas music and worship God while you drive.

## LIVE FREE:



- ◆ Challenge another friend who has a Beacon Box to recite the memory verse to you when you see them next!

## SERVE FREE:



- ◆ Giving "birthday presents" from Jesus to neighbors or to each other.
- ◆ Have a movie night and invite others to come to your house and watch "The Star". This is a Christmas movie based on the birth of our Savior Jesus.

