

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# GOOD THINGS

Christmas is almost here! Which means there's a lot for us to look forward to – sometimes impatiently. But you know the saying, "good things come to those who wait"? It's true for Christmases now, but it was true on the very first Christmas as well. You see, the day Jesus came to earth wasn't a sudden surprise. It was the first step in a long-awaited plan. In this 4-week series, we'll hear the Christmas story from the perspective of the prophets in the Old Testament, who foretold and then waited for the good things God had in store. Christmas is a reminder of what the prophets proclaimed: that **God has always had a plan**, that **Jesus completes God's plan**, that **God's plans bring joy**, and that **God's plans require sacrifice**.

## THIS WEEK

### THE BIG IDEA

God has a plan.

### THE BIBLE

Genesis 3:1-15; Jeremiah 33:14-16;  
Matthew 1:1-17; Philippians 1:6

- **Have you ever had a Christmas plan that didn't go according to plan? Tell us about it!**
- **How do you usually react when plans don't go your way?**
- **When God made everything, it was all good – so what went wrong?**
- **How would you explain the plan God put in place to fix what went wrong in the world?**
- **Why do you think God made humanity wait so long for Jesus?**
- **When did you first hear about Jesus? How did you first hear about Him?**
- **When you look back on your life so far, where do you see God at work?**
- **Read Philippians 1:6. What do you think passage can teach us about God's plans for the future?**
- **Is it ever hard for you to trust God has a plan? If so, what would help you be more trusting?**
- **This week, what's one way you can demonstrate that you trust God's plans?**