

*21 Days of Surprises:*  
A Countdown to Christmas!

Have you ever been given a surprise? Perhaps you received an unexpected gift, or your parents took you to your favorite restaurant on your birthday! It is fun to get surprises and to give surprises to others too! It fills us with unexpected joy and excitement! Christmas is full of surprises from yummy treats, fun trips to visit family, to new exciting gifts to open! But did you know that the very first Christmas was filled with lots of surprises too? In fact, the biggest and best surprise came to the world at Christmas as a baby! This Jesus would change the world as we know it, and through Him we could have a friendship with God! To help us get in the Christmas spirit and celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are going to set out on a journey to His birth and discover lots of fun-filled surprises along the way! We will learn about the wonders God gave His people on that first Christmas, and we will be receiving and giving surprises to others too! Come and join us as we embark on this adventure, and let's get excited as we celebrate the best surprise of all- Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World!

*Week One*

**1. Secret Surprise Revealed: Read Isaiah 9:6** 

Questions:

- What surprise was Isaiah announcing was to come?
- What names would the child be called?
- Who is Jesus and what is so important about Him?
- How would our life be different without Jesus?

**2. Zachariah's Surprise: Read Luke 1:5-25** 

Questions:

- Who surprised Zachariah in the temple?
- Would you be surprised if you saw an angel?
- What surprise did Gabriel tell Zachariah was coming - SO big that Zachariah didn't believe it!
- God loves to give us surprises! Would you believe God if He gave you a big surprise? Why?

**3. Application Activity: Make a List** 

What surprises has God given you or your family? (Could be an unexpected gift, new baby, or a provision of some kind) Make a list or draw a picture of God's surprise blessings in your life and thank God as a family for these surprises!