

# \* MORE TO EXPLORE

WEEK OF DEC. 11, 2022

## GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING  
GOD CREATED  
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,  
AND SIN PASSED TO  
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN  
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF  
US ARE SINNERS,  
CHRIST DIED  
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL  
COME AGAIN.

### FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

## LUKE

This week's story comes from the book of Luke. Luke is the third of four books known as the Gospels. The author of this book is a man named Luke, a physician. This book tells about Jesus's life, like the other Gospels, but was written to a gentile audience.

### WHY DID SO MANY DIFFERENT PROPHETS TALK ABOUT THE LIGHT OF JESUS?

The Bible was written by many men over many hundreds of years. The Holy Spirit gave these men the ability and words to write down what God wanted to include in the Bible. It was God's idea to use the metaphor of light to describe Jesus' coming. The prophets were just being obedient to write down what God inspired them to say. When we see something over and over in God's Word, it's important we pay attention because He included it for a reason.

### OT-NT CONNECTION

God broke His silence of over 400 years when Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and told him he would have a son who would be the Elijah prophesied in Malachi 4:1-6. **Find out more by reading Luke 1:1-25.**

- What happened to Zechariah when he questioned Gabriel's message? (Hint: Read verse 20.)
- What did you learn about the prophecies of God and His promise to send us Jesus?

### JOURNAL

Use words to create a sunset! Think of several simple sentences that thank Jesus for being the Light of the World. For example: "I'm thankful Jesus came to Earth as a baby." Write that sentence to create the shape of a sun. Write another sentence to create a hillside. You can make your drawing as simple or complex as you wish!

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT JESUS FULFILLED THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES?

Messianic prophecies begin in Genesis, are revealed throughout Old Testament Scripture and are all fulfilled in Jesus. These prophecies are important because they remind us God's Word is true, He always keeps His promises and Jesus is His Son. The fulfilled prophecies show us Jesus is the Savior we have always needed.

### READ



Read the prophecy God gave Malachi in Malachi 4:1-6. Then, read God's words after 400 years of silence in Luke 1. Note the similarities between both passages concerning John the Baptist and Jesus.