

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Awe and Wonder”**  
**Complement to lesson on 11/27/22 – “Unsure”**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What is your favorite part of the Advent season?
2. What are your favorite color Christmas lights?

**MEMORIZE – Matthew 1:21**

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

**READ – Matthew 1: 1-17**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these verses?
  - a. What particular words or phrases is the Holy Spirit highlighting to you as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
  - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Why do you think Matthew opens up with a genealogy?
3. Genealogies didn't typically include women's names.
  - a. How many does Matthew include in his genealogy?
  - b. What do you know about any of these women?
  - c. What does it say that Matthew is willing to include these women in the genealogy?
4. Matthew opens and closes his genealogy highlighting Abraham and David in the lineage of Jesus. What is the significance of this?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Draw a Family Tree**

Matthew must have taken a lot of time to discover the family tree of Jesus. It covers 42 generations! Take some time and draw out your own family tree. How far back can you go? How well do you know the people of your own family tree? Enjoy making discoveries of your own background as you spend time creating your family tree.

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

What Child is This? – Mennonite hymnal #129

O Come O Come Emmanuel – Mennonite Hymnal #111

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #115

O for a Thousand Tongues – Mennonite Hymnal #104

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the series:**

Holy Spirit, this Advent season may I respond to Jesus with awe and wonder as I think about His love, grace and mercy that would have Him be born of flesh in order to save His people (including me) from their sins. Help me rejoice in You more and more as I treasure these things in my heart.