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Rejoices

## **Week 1 | The Weary World Rejoices | December 13**

**Key Focus:** God is a masterful story writer.

### **Opening Up:**

If you could be written into any novel, what novel would you be written into? What would your character do?

If you were handed a magic pen. A pen that would make the next chapter of your story to become true. What would your chapter be titled? What would your chapter be about? Explain.

**Reference: Matthew 1:1-17**

### **Discuss:**

1. In what ways has Christmas been a weary time for you in the past or the present? How does Jesus help you rejoice?
2. Jesus' family tree is not unblemished. God can use a sinful past to accomplish righteous good. Have you ever seen your past as an anchor? How does knowing that God can use sinful actions for his ultimate good help you?
3. Jesus can redeem any story. Do you have any redemption stories? (That is, a story of God taking a sinful past and making a glorious future.)
4. In what ways has God blessed you to be a blessing? We are all descendants of Abraham in Christ. We have been called to be a blessing. What blessing has God given you to share?
5. Matthew is arguing that Jesus is King. He sits on the throne of your life, not you. What is different about your life when you are on the throne versus when Jesus is on the throne?
6. If you were to give Jesus the pen and ask him to write your next chapter. What do you think Jesus would write? How would it be different if you wrote the chapter on your own?
7. What is keeping you from accepting Jesus as King in your everyday life?
8. Pray.