



**"FOR I HAVE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN NOT TO DO MY WILL BUT TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME."
JOHN 6:38**

Theme: Destination

Last year, I went on a trip to Scotland. If you don't know where it is, look it up on a map with your family.

One of the best things I did on my trip was go to the Scottish Highlands. The Scottish Highlands are big mountains that are covered in green grass and trees during the summer, and deep white snow during the winter. A few days into my trip, I got to see them. Getting there took a long time, but the journey was worth it. After driving around a huge blue lake and through tall green trees, I saw the prettiest mountains I have ever seen. Reaching to the sky, the size of these mountains reminded me that God is Creator and he really makes beautiful things. It was one of my favorite trips.

At Christmas, we share the story of another incredible journey. We celebrate Jesus coming from heaven to earth! We read about the angel Gabriel telling Mary she would have a baby boy. We remember the long journey Mary and Joseph had to take to get to Bethlehem. We rejoice with the angels at the birth of Jesus in a manger, spoken of long ago. We remember that even though he came as a baby, he grew up, teaching others to love and care for one another. And we thank God that through faith in Jesus, we are promised life forever with him!

This is the greatest picture of love. Christmas is good because Jesus came for us now and forever!

Family Questions: Help your children to understand what a destination is. Ask them to choose one destination that they would want to visit. Tell them that Jesus made earth his destination so that our final destination would be with him in the most wonderful place (new heaven and earth, where there will be no sin, sadness, or suffering) forever and ever.

Family Activity: Find a map of Maui and point out some of your favorite destinations or places to go. Why are they your favorite? Choose a new destination you might like to go to as a family, and plan a trip to go there.