



## THE PROMISE OF BLESSING

GENESIS 11:1-9; 12:1-3; GALATIANS 4:4-7

### GETTING STARTED

- What traditions do you have this time of year that causes you and your family to reflect on the meaning of Christmas? What thoughts and feelings come to mind as you enter into advent?

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Before you begin:** *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- The story of Babel reminds us of mankind trying to get to God. Why did God not allow mankind to ascend to heaven? Doesn't God want us to be with him?
- How come God desires to work with Abraham to bless him? What does he promise his family?
- How does the book of Galatians give meaning to the Old Testament stories in Genesis?

### WRAPPING UP

- What does it mean for us to be God's child? And heir? How does this change our lives?