

# Behold His Surprising Presence

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**Passage:** Micah 5:1-5a

**Main Point:** Jesus is the promised King, so we should have peace, security, and hope in Him.

### Case Study:

The lights are up, the presents are wrapped, and the cookies are on the table. How do you make Jesus the focal point of the occasion?

### **The Word:**

1. Read Matthew 2:1-8. Why did the chief priests and teachers of the law know where the Messiah would be born? (5:2)
2. Name other significant shepherds in Israel's history. How do they relate to the gospel message? (5:4) (Leaders note: reference Gen. 46:31-34, 1 Sam. 16:11-13, Luke 2:8-9)
3. Read John 14:27. What were the Israelites hoping for with the coming King? What did they receive? (5:5a)

### **The World:**

1. Because Israel does not believe the Messiah has come, how does that distort their understanding of Scripture? (5:3)
2. What differences exist between Jesus and other religions' teachers, prophets, and messengers? (5:2)
3. Why would God choose Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus? (5:2)

### **The Application:**

1. How is Jesus your Shepherd? How is He your King? (5:4)
2. How do you live securely in Jesus? (5:4)
3. What can you do differently this Christmas season to worship Jesus, our King? (5:2-5a)

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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### How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.