

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS
LIVE IT!

Things To Do Here:

Question 1: What gift did God give to the world at Christmas?

Question 2: Why was baby Jesus the best gift ever given?

Question 3: How will you think about Christmas differently now?

Things To Do At Home:

Question 1: Read Luke 2:1-20 out loud to your family one night this week.

Question 2: What will you give Jesus this year for Christmas? What He wants most is your life. Have you ever asked Him to be the boss of your life? If not, and you are ready to do this, talk to your mom or dad about this. This could be your best Christmas ever! If you have already asked Jesus to be the boss of your life, think about how much time you are spending with Him. Make your gift for Jesus a gift of Worship by committing to spending more time with Him each day, reading the Bible, praying and singing to Him. Write down what you will give Jesus for Christmas on the line below.

Question 3: What was the best gift you GAVE to someone else this year? Why

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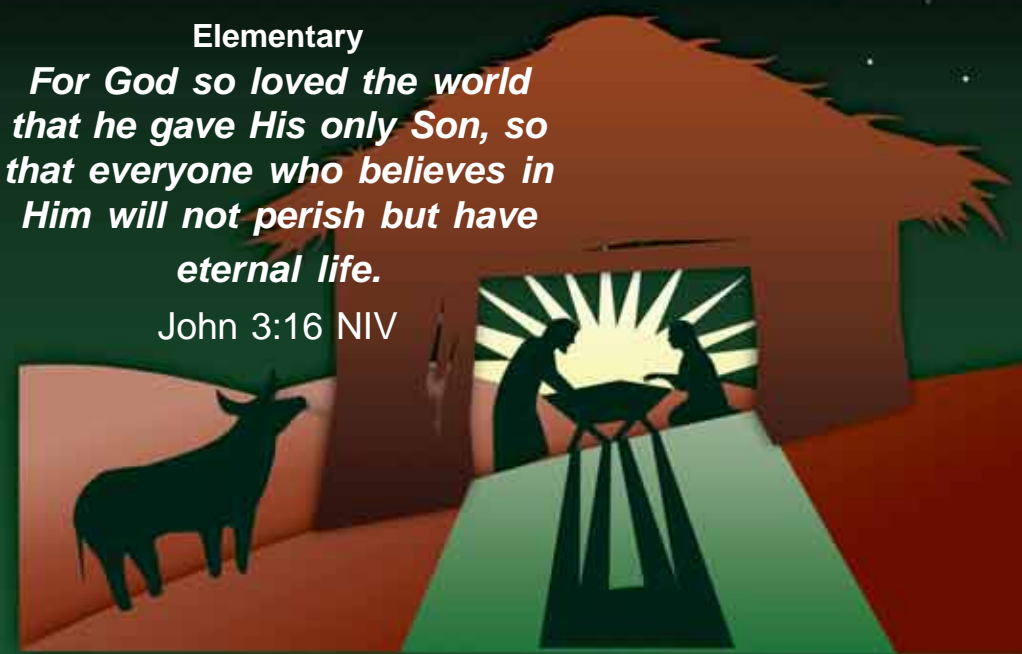
But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord,"
Luke 2:10-11 NIV

Week 3

Elementary

For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV



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WHAT SHOULD I SEE?

Do you remember the angel told Mary that she was going to have baby Jesus, God's Son? Well, when Mary told Joseph the surprising news, he wasn't sure what to do. He didn't know if he should still marry her. One night, Joseph had a dream, and an angel appeared to him and said, "Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby she is carrying is God's Son and you are to give Him the name Jesus." So Joseph believed the angel, and Mary and Joseph kept their plans to be married. Soon, Caesar Augustus made a rule that said everyone needed to be counted in their home town, it was called a census. So Joseph and Mary packed their things and went on a journey to their home town of Bethlehem. When they got to town, there were people everywhere because of the census, so there was no where for them to stay. Joseph and Mary tried to find a room at an inn, but all of the rooms were already full. Finally one of the owners of an inn told Mary and Joseph they could sleep in the stable! That's right, the same place all of the animals lived. While Mary and Joseph were in the stable, Jesus was born! Jesus, God's Son, was born in a stable! There were probably lots of animals around Baby Jesus, like cows, goats, sheep, chickens, and donkeys. The Bible tells us that Mary wrapped Jesus in a cloth and laid him in a manger, which is an animal's feeding trough. Mary and Joseph knew that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to be born as our Savior, the lamb of God. This is why we celebrate gift-giving at Christmas; Jesus was the best gift ever given to us!

(Source: Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-7)

Memory Verse:

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WHAT'S THE KEY?

GIVE. That's the key to unlocking this lesson today. If we all could just remember that word, "give." God gave us His son Jesus to save us from our sin. God "gave" us a way to heaven. God "gave" His only son. We "give" gifts at Christmas as a reminder of Jesus being born. The key to unlocking this lesson is in the word "give."



WHAT'S THAT TO ME?

What does Christmas mean to you? Does it mean "getting" instead of "giving"? You know, to me, that's what Christmas meant for many years...get, get, get, get. Sometimes, I would ask for a certain gift and wouldn't get it. Do you know what would happen? I would get mad that I didn't "get" the gift I asked for. Boy, did I ever misunderstand the meaning of Christmas. For many years Christmas was all about what I got, not what I gave. So, what does Christmas mean to you? At the very least it should include the word, give.



HOW SHOULD I BE?

This week I will make it a point to read the Christmas story found in Luke, chapter 2:1-7. I will "give" Jesus first place in my life. If I have never asked Jesus to be the boss of my life, I will talk to someone about what that means. If I have already given Jesus my life, maybe I need to take a look how I spend my time. Maybe this Christmas I need to give Jesus more of my time or spend more time talking to Him in prayer, or maybe I need to start reading the Bible more. In either case, it comes down to that word, "give." So, how should I be? Giving, that's how I should be!

Practice Point:

Everyday I should give
That's how Jesus wants me to live.

TALK TO US!

I HAVE A...

PRAYER REQUEST

QUESTION

COMMENT

Please write your prayer requests, questions and/or comments on the back.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Thanks for coming this weekend! We hope you had a great time! See you soon!