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When I first learned about the birth of Christ, I pictured a quiet stable with a handful of people, quietly praising God and admiring a new baby. As I continued to learn, I discovered some things I thought you should know (if you don't already): Of course, Mary & Joseph knew their newborn Jesus was to be the Messiah, but so did Mary's cousin Elizabeth and her husband, Zacharias. (and probably anyone they talked to - Matt. 1). And we do not know that there were 3 kings - the Bible says they were wise men (plural) that brought 3 gifts. There was probably a large number of people caravanning with them to keep safe the expensive gifts they were carrying (Matt 2). They told King Herod that *The King* was born. But, I believe the biggest misconception must be that it was "quiet" that night when the Angels appeared to the shepherds.

We don't know how many shepherds there were, but in the darkness of night, first one angel came to make the announcement and then the Bible tells us that he was joined with a multitude of angels (an angelic army) who lit up the sky with both light and song. If that were not enough to make other people take notice, the shepherds then went to Bethlehem to find the baby. Imagine the mayhem when they arrived in Bethlehem and began actually looking - knocking on doors, perhaps calling out and asking questions! They told everyone that the Messiah was born.

You see, just as God wants salvation for every one of us now, He wanted everyone to know then too. After all, the Prophetess Anna knew and so did Simeon at the Temple. The wise men found out by studying the Scriptures. The Scribes who studied the Scriptures should have known too.

As we sing our Christmas carols this year, let's not be fooled into thinking that "all was calm, all was bright". All certainly was bright, but while Christ entered the world in a lowly manner, I am sure it was anything but calm that night.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Everybody Ought to Love Jesus

by Pastor John Goodhart

Years ago we sang the words to this chorus in my Sunday School.
"Everybody ought to love Jesus - He died on the cross to save us from sin
- Everybody ought to love Jesus."

But you say, "It's Christmas time; what does this have to do with Christmas?"

The answer is, "EVERYTHING"



The baby that was born in a manger so long ago was the very Son of God. Later on, when He was over Thirty years old, He told His disciples why He had come to this earth. Jesus said He had come to offer His life as a ransom for us.

That's why He was ready to die on the cross — to pay the penalty for our sin - in our place. When Jesus lived on this earth, His disciples were present when He made the blind man to see and the deaf man to hear. These disciples saw Him heal those that were sick and they were excited to see Jesus feed over five thousand people at one time with just a few loaves and fish.

But then one day, Jesus told His disciples that He was going to go to the cross and die. They were upset, of course, so Jesus spoke these words to them. He said, "Don't be upset, I'm going to my Father's house to prepare a place for you. Someday, I'm coming back for you. If you want to come to that place, I will show you the way - in fact, I AM THE WAY."

Yes, that old chorus we sang so long ago says, "Everybody ought to love Jesus". I hope you have come to love Jesus with all your heart.





WHAT DO YOU SEE ABOVE?

Look up, look down, look close, look far.

Look in John 12:21 for the answer.

Listed below are 15 Old Testament verses with a name or title of Jesus.

Fill in the blank with the correct answer.

1. Job 19:25: _____
2. Isaiah 9:6 _____
3. Psalm 118:22 _____
4. Isaiah 60:16 _____
5. Isaiah 53:11 _____
6. Isaiah 41:14 _____
7. Isaiah 55:14 _____
8. Isaiah 53:3 _____
9. Daniel 9:25 _____
10. Isaiah 9:6 _____
11. Isaiah 9:6 _____
12. Song of Solomon _____
13. Malachi 4:2 _____
14. Isaiah 51:12 _____
15. Isaiah 51:13 _____

<u>A MAN OF SORROWS</u>	<u>CHIEF CORNERSTONE</u>	<u>COUNSELOR</u>
<u>HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL</u>	<u>I AM HE</u>	<u>MESSIAH</u>
<u>REDEEMER</u>	<u>RIGHTEOUS SERVANT</u>	<u>ROSE OF SHARON</u>
<u>SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS</u>	<u>THE LORD YOUR MAKER</u>	<u>WITNESS</u>
	<u>WONDERFUL</u>	

Seeing God the Father, in His Son

by Chaplain Jim Freed

Have you ever talked with someone on the phone or read a letter from someone and wondered what they looked like in person? Maybe you even had a picture in your mind of how they would look, and when you saw them they didn't look anything like you thought they would. Sometimes when we read God's Word, the Bible, it's like He is talking to us and perhaps we wonder what He looks like. In reality, actually seeing God would be kind of scary. The Bible says "And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God." (Exodus 3:6) So how can we get a better understanding of what God would look like if He were a man? Actually God became a man and visited this earth so we could do just that.

In the Gospel of John, the Bible talks about Jesus Christ. Another name for Him is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). God the father actually sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to this earth so that we would be able to know Him personally. That is the story of Christmas. When Jesus walked on this earth as a man He was also God, and He told His followers that if they wanted to know God the Father all they had to do was look at His Son. He said "If you had really known Me, you would know who My Father is. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him!" Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father!" (John 14:7-9) So as we read the Bible and hear the stories about Jesus' life, it will help us to have a better picture in our minds of just what God is like.



The Adventures of Phineas T. Phlapjack

Hi Pals!

Do you celebrate Advent?

I have a couple of friends who said they were celebrating it. I didn't know what that was and I didn't want to look stupid, so I waited until I got home to ask Uncle Bill. He said I should have just asked them. Then he asked me, "which one?" I was more confused than ever.



He went on to explain that Advent is an old tradition celebrated in many churches on the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas. (My church doesn't do that, which is why I didn't know what they were talking about.) It celebrates the coming (or Advent) of Jesus when He was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. He said it's called different things like "The Incarnation," "First Coming," "First Advent" or simply "Advent."

He also said the Bible tells us about Jesus Second Advent - often called the "Second Coming." With so many firsts and seconds I was starting to get confused. Then He smiled at me and said. "Phineas, it's very simple. Jesus came to earth the first time as the Babe in a manger to be the Savior of the world. He's in Heaven right now, but someday He's coming back - this time as The King of kings and the Lord of lords. And He's going to do away with sin once and for all. People need to be ready by asking Him to be their Savior now, because it'll be too late when He comes back."

So Christmas - that First Advent - was getting us ready for Jesus return - the Second Advent. I hope you're ready to see him when He comes back!

Well, gotta run! See you next month! Bye!

A Page to Color



And there were Shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Luke 2:8

A GIFT FOR THE SAVIOR

by Evie, a staff writer



Christmas is such a wonderful time of year. It's exciting seeing all of the decorations, going shopping for loved ones, baking cookies, enjoying time spent with family and friends, enjoying love and laughter, but in recent years Christmas has become so commercialized that we have lost its true meaning.



Several years ago Adventure Pals recorded a lovely Christmas story. It was about a family getting ready for Christmas. The story centers on a little girl named Mary Jane who wanted to give Jesus a birthday present. She thought and thought and finally came up with a good idea.

When Christmas morning arrived, all were gathered in the living room. Mary Jane was so excited. All the presents were distributed, but there was one left under the tree. Dad pulled it out - the tag said, "To Jesus". He opened the pretty package and inside was a big red heart that said "Happy Birthday Jesus, Love Mary Jane." What a perfect gift! Mom and Dad were so impressed. They all sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and everyone renewed their love to Him. This reminds me of an old Sunday School song called "What Can I give Him?"

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
But what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

God gave us the precious gift of a Savior. The least we can do is give Him our heart and a lifetime of service.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17

WORD SEARCH

The words you are looking for may go up, down, across or diagonal



Christmas
Decorations
Shepherd
God

Presents
Heart
Lamb

Savior
Mary Jane
Wise Men

Happy Birthday
Holiday
Tree

GOD'S LOVE LIGHT

God's love is like a beacon in the night. It lights our path and offers shelter from the storms of life. God's Word is an immovable anchor in times of storm. Read it daily!

The Bible pathway to Heaven is found in the book of Romans.

To complete this quiz, you will need to read each Bible verse and connect it to the right question. Write your answers on the lines provided. The first one is done for you.



1 Corinthians 10:13

What does God do for you when you get caught up in things that are not pleasing to Him? Provides a way to escape

Romans 10:9, 13

How did God show His love for you?

Romans 3:23

What is the eternal cost of your sin?

Romans 6:23

Who is good?

Romans 5:8

What must you do to have eternal life?

Romans 3:10-12

Who has sinned?

"God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5 NKJ

WISE MEN VISIT THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS

By Sondra, a staff writer

Herod was King of Judea when Jesus was born. He was known as "Herod the Great" and became king in 43BC. That's 43 years before Jesus was born.

Wise men were the priestly men among the Persians and the Babylonians. They were experts in the study of the stars.

Tradition claims there were three kings that followed the star in the east, to visit the newborn King of the Jews. They studied it in the stars, or maybe they were in contact with the prophecies of Daniel and Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. We now know it was all God's doing.

Naturally when they asked Herod where Jesus, King of the Jews was born; He was upset! Herod's fear of a rival ruler caused him to question when the star appeared. Herod had plans to get rid of that newborn king.

The Wise men found Jesus in a house, not a manger. He was a young child, not a baby. And He was with His mother. They brought three gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts were in recognition of Jesus as King, Son of God and the suffering Savior. They worshiped Him. Jesus is the virgin-born Son, "God with us," who deserves our worship.

Then the Wise men were warned by God, in a dream, "do not return to Herod". They went home a different way.

God warned Joseph in a dream, to take Mary and young Jesus to Egypt until King Herod died.

Boys and girls, just as the Wise men brought gifts to Jesus, we can do the same. The very best gift we can give is our heart and life. Ask Him to come into your heart and live there for ever. Read His Word each day and He will guide you in making choices every time.





BIBLE TRIVIA GAME

Earn 30 points to receive an award. Each month you will find two Bible Trivia Questions on this page. Answer them both correctly and you will earn 10 points. You must mail your answers to us so we can check them. We will return your paper with any points you earned and any corrections needed. When you accumulate 30 points we will send you a reward. This month you will need to read in the book of Matthew chapter 2 to find the answers to the questions below. The answers may also be hidden somewhere in this issue of Kids' Talk.

EASY QUESTION!

QUESTION 1: Who said, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?"

HARD QUESTION!

QUESTION 2: Who did Joseph hear was reigning over Judea when God sent him and his family back to Israel?

Write your answers on a clean sheet of paper.

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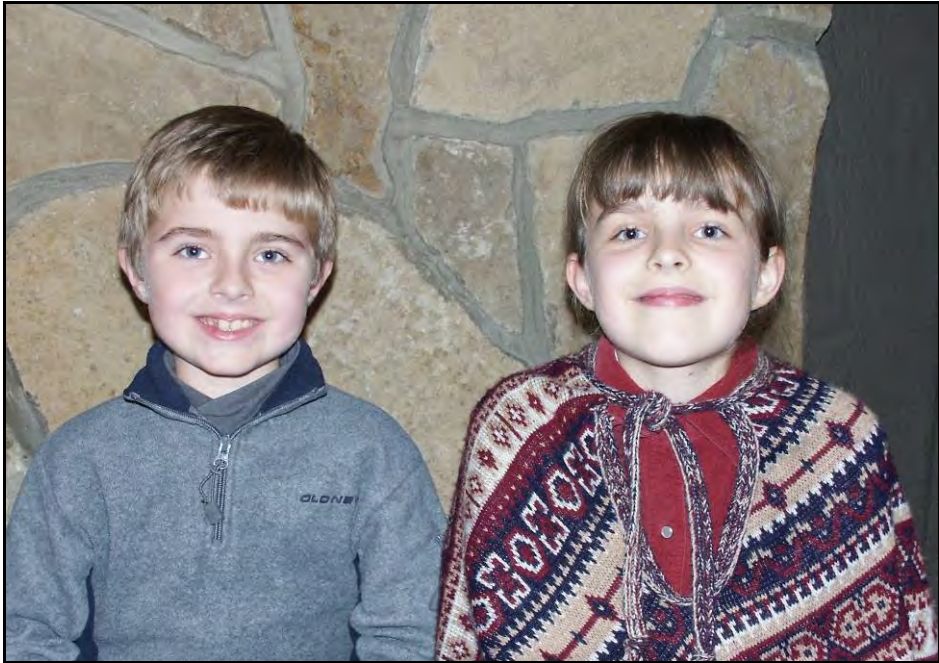
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We'd like you to meet Luke and Gracie.
Miss Faith and Uncle Bill had the privilege of stopping to
see them and their parents last month while traveling
through Tennessee. They listen to the Adventure Pals
radio program every Saturday morning over radio station
WHCB in Bristol, TN.

Gracie wants to be a missionary to Native Americans.
AWESOME!!



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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and
the government will be on his shoulders. And he
will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

