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CHRISTMAS









WHY DID SANTA'S HELPER GO TO THE DOCTOR?

BECAUSE HE HAD LOW ELF-ESTEEM.

WHY DID RUDOLPH STOP TRAFFIC?

BECAUSE HE HAS A RED NOSE!

WHAT'S THE PARKING FEE FOR SANTA'S SLEIGH?

NOTHING. IT'S ON THE HOUSE!

WHAT DO ELVES STUDY AT SCHOOL? **THE ELF-ABET.**

WHAT SONG DOES TARZAN SING AT CHRISTMAS?

JUNGLE BELLS!

WHAT DO SNOWMEN LIKE MOST ABOUT SCHOOL?

SNOW AND TELL.

WHY DIDN'T RUDOLPH
GET A GOOD REPORT CARD?
BECAUSE HE WENT DOWN IN HISTORY.

WHAT CANDY
DO CHRISTMAS TREES LOVE?
ORNA-MINTS!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A MESSY DOG AT CHRISTMAS? SANDY PAWS!

WHY IS IT COLD ON CHRISTMAS? **BECAUSE IT'S DECEM-BURRR!**

HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT SANTA IS GOOD AT KARATE?

HE HAS A BLACK BELT!

WHICH INSECT HATES CHRISTMAS?
THE BAH-HUMBUG!

WHAT DID THE WEATHERMAN FORECAST ON CHRISTMAS EVE? **REIN...DEER.**

WHAT KIND OF HOLIDAY SONGS DO FISH SING? CHRISTMAS CORALS.

WHY DO MUMMIES LIKE CHRISTMAS?

BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE

WRAPPING PAPER!

WHAT KIND OF CEREAL DO SNOWMEN EAT? FROSTED FLAKES!

WHAT KIND OF CANDY DOES SANTA LOVE MOST?

JOLLY RANCHERS!

WHERE DOES SANTA SPEND THE NIGHT?
IN A "HO! HO! HO-TEL!"

WHERE DO DASHER AND DANCER BUY COFFEE? STAR-BUCKS.

HOW DOES A SHEEP SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS IN SPANISH? FLEECE NAVIDAD!









he story of Christmas occurred over 2000 years ago. It is the story of God sending his Son—Jesus Christ—to earth. Jesus was the Son of God so he was greater than a king, yet,he was born in a very lowly place to a young and humble couple. Despite being born in a manger (which is kind of like a barn), surrounded by animals, people knew someone special had been born. God sent a star and an angel to let people know that his Son had arrived. They hurried to see him; some of them traveling for many miles. Today, when we celebrate Christmas we are celebrating Jesus' birthday.





n the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.





his is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.





n those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

married to him and was expecting a child.





nd there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



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Luke 2: 16-20

o they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.







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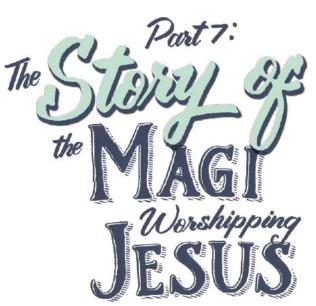
born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."









Matthew 2: 9-12

fter they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Why Do We Give Gifts at Christmas Time?

We give gifts at Christmas, because the magi gave gifts to Jesus.

The gift of gold was given to Jesus to symbolize that He was God in the flesh. The gift of frankincense given to Jesus to symbolize His holiness and His purity. The gift of myrrh symbolized His suffering, trials, tribulations, and afflictions to come.





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Ho, ho, ho and yum, yum, yum, go to where you fill your tum!

Clue #2

Hopefully you won't have to go too far, seek and find a Christmas card!



Clue #3



Now something pretty's on the list, this goes on the Christmas gifts.



Clue #4



You're doing great, you're as sweet as honey! When you buy gifts you need _____!



They look so pretty on the tree. They're often round, what do you see?



In Holland, this is where gifts are found. You use yours to walk on the ground.











Santa down the chimney flies, but we use this to come inside.

If you whip up something sweet, you'll need this to bake your treat.



Clue #9



Clue #10



This is your last clue to find, using this makes your teeth shine!

Congratulations, you've found all the clues! Enjoy a pat on the back and Merry Christmas to you!

hiding instructions

- 1. Hand clue #1 to your children.
- 2. Hide clue #2 in the refrigerator or food pantry.
- 3. Hide clue #3 near a Christmas card.
- 4. Hide clue #4 near ribbons, bows, or wrapping paper.
- 5. Hide clue #5 near a wallet or piggy bank.

- 6. Hide clue #6 near a Christmas ornament.
- 7. Hide clue #7 inside shoes.
- 8. Hide clue #8 by a door.
- 9. Hide clue #9 at the oven.
- 10. Hide clue #10 (the congratulations clue) near their toothbrush. If you like, you can leave a little treat or surprise with it!



JOY

May the joy of Christ be felt through us. Luke 1:44

LOVE

Help us see ways to turn love into action this Christmas. Matthew 25:40

FAITH

Increase our faith so we fully trust in Your promises.

Matthew 1:24

LIGHT

May the light of Christ shine from within us. Isaiah 9:2

PEACE

May the peace of Christ cover the busyness of this season. Isaiah 9:6

PROMISE

Thank you for the promise of eternal life through Jesus. John 3:16

GRATITUDE

Thank you for all of our blessings, not just the gifts under the tree. Luke 1:49

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You came as a baby in a manger, help us find value in the simple things. Luke 2:7

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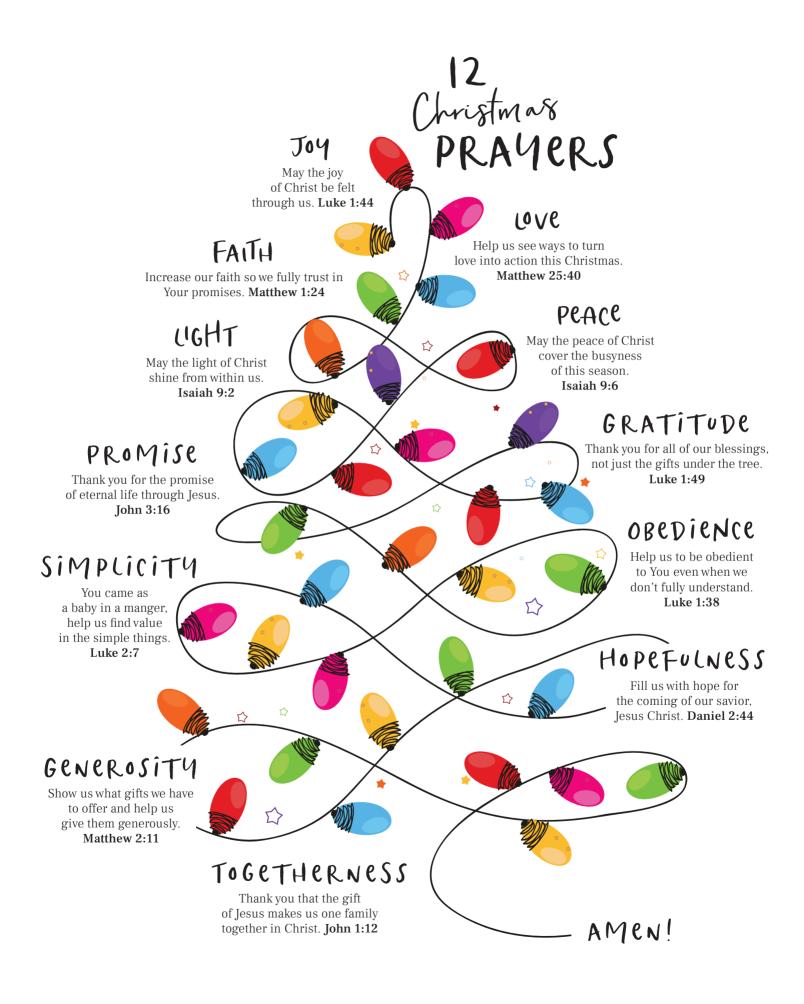
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