

Ambassador

Lesson 5



Loving God Series

Merry Christmas!

This can be a very exciting time of year in our country, and maybe in your family as well. You look around and see people decorating their buildings, their homes and even your classrooms may have decorations in them. Some of you have gone or will be going to parties, having gift exchanges, big meals, shopping, Christmas music, TV Christmas programs, church musicals or plays...this is a time of fun.

However, in the midst of all these things is the meaning of why we do what we do. Christians must understand that this special time of year for us is to remind us of God's greatest gift to us.... Jesus Christ, our Savior.



In this lesson, I want to simply explore with you the meaning of Christmas. As Charlie Brown would ask, ***“Can anyone tell me the real meaning of Christmas?”***

Savior of the World

John 3:16 says (and I know you can quote it) that *“God loves the world so much that He gave His only Son Jesus as Savior for us. Whoever, believes that Jesus is God’s Son will not spiritually die but will have eternal life with God.”* Now that is my paraphrase of John 3:16, but I hope you got the meaning.

God sent His Son to earth to show and tell people how to live. A **Savior** is **someone who rescues people from danger**. At camp, we have Saviors at the pool. They are called Lifeguards. These Lifeguards are there to save you from drowning.

That’s why Jesus would give His life as a perfect sacrifice to save people from the death and punishment of sin. The word **‘Lord’** means **one who is in control**. When God’s Word tells us that Jesus is Lord, it means that **He has power and authority over everyone and everything!** Since He is our Lord, we must **obey** His Word. The New Testament is filled with His teachings, examples, commands, and promises. We learn from what He said and did while He was on earth. Such a testimony declares Him as Lord and Savior and He wants to be yours.

Take a moment and write down five people that you know needs the Savior. I want to call this **A Savior's gift.**

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Take a moment to read **Matthew 1:18-21; 2:1-20; Luke 1:26-33 and 2:1-38** for a complete understanding of the **Christmas** story.

As you have read the scriptures, I want to highlight some of the things that make this a special event for Christians:

- **Jesus lived BEFORE He was conceived or born.** For all of us, life begins at conception when cells from both father and mother combine to start a new life. In John 1:1-2, find out when life began for Jesus.
- **Jesus had no human father.** Although his mother, Mary, was totally human, God alone was the father of Jesus. Read Matthew 1:18.



- **The birth of Jesus was announced by the angels.** Several times in this event we see how God used angels to tell people about His Son's birth; Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.
- **A star indicated His birth.** The wise men from the east studied the heavens nightly, but only at the birth of Jesus did this very special star appear. It led them all the way to the place where Jesus was.

- **Joseph and Mary were from a special family.** Though they were very poor, God had promised that the Savior would be born from the family of King David. Both Mary and Joseph were descendants of King David.
- **The Shepherds and flocks of sheep in the story were special.** The shepherds were the men who cared for the temple flocks, which were used for sacrifices.
- **Even the gifts the wise men offered were special.** Jesus' parents were so poor that they could not even afford a lamb for an offering in the Temple. But God provided three types of gifts through the wise men who came to worship the little King of the Jews.

Remember, your greatest gift this season is not the new Playstation, music, sneakers or jewelry. It's the Savior who rescued you from an eternity in Hell to new life and purpose in Christ. That new purpose allows you to be forgiven for your sins; be loved totally and completely; and guided to live right.



"I don't believe in myself."

Think About It



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Follow the story and fill in the blanks. Use the word bank if you need help. Some words may be used more than once.

In a town near Jerusalem, a woman was told about the coming birth of the Savior. She was the wife of a priest who served in the temple at _____. She was also a relative of Mary. Later she gave birth to a son, named _____, who had already been chosen by the _____ to prepare the way for the Savior. The name of this woman was _____.

In the town of _____ the coming birth of the Savior was announced to a young woman. She was visited by an _____ who told her that she was to be the mother of _____. Her name was _____. Her husband also knew about the one to be born. _____ was told this by an angel in a dream. When this baby was born, He was to be named _____, which meant “the Lord saves.”

A group of _____ near the town of _____ knew when the long-awaited Savior came. They were watching their flock of _____ when an _____ appeared and gave them the good news.

In the city of Jerusalem a man named _____ knew that the Savior had been born. The _____ told him that he would not die until he saw the Lord’s Christ. The Holy Spirit led him into the _____ on the day when the baby _____ was brought in, as the custom was, for presentation before the Lord. He took the baby in his arms and praised God because he had seen the one who was to save the people.

An elderly woman, Anna, who was a _____ came at the same time. She too gave thanks to the Lord for the _____ and told everyone about him.

The _____ _____ in the East knew about the one who was born _____ of the _____. They saw His _____ and followed it. They stopped in Jerusalem to ask where this child had been born. Jealous King _____ was troubled because he thought a new king would try to take his place. He didn’t know that _____ was to rule a heavenly, not an earthly, kingdom. He wanted the men to bring him word when they found the child, but God warned them in a _____ to go home another way. When they had presented their gifts to the new king and _____ Him, they went back to their homes.

Word Bank

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| ☆ angel | ☆ Herod | ☆ John | ☆ Nazareth | ☆ star |
| ☆ Bethlehem | ☆ Holy Spirit | ☆ Joseph | ☆ prophetess | ☆ temple |
| ☆ child | ☆ Jerusalem | ☆ king | ☆ sheep | ☆ wise men |
| ☆ dream | ☆ Jesus | ☆ Lord | ☆ shepherds | ☆ worshiped |
| ☆ Elizabeth | ☆ Jews | ☆ Mary | ☆ Simeon | |