

A Christmas Hope Finding The True Meaning of Christmas

1. Remember that Christmas _____

Luke 2:10-11 — *“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*

Isaiah 7:14 *“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

Luke 1:35-37 *“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. 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. For nothing is impossible with God.’”*

Luke 1:38 *I am the Lord’s servant...*

2. Watch for signs _____

Luke 2:16-17 *They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished...*

3. _____ to keep your focus on Jesus

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

How To Keep Your Focus On Jesus During Christmas

- _____ Attend a Christmas Eve Service.
- _____ Read the Christmas story from **Luke 2:1-20** before you open presents.
- _____ Try to give to people in need as much as you give to family and friends.
- _____ Serve someone in some way this Christmas. Remember, we’re never more like Jesus than when we’re serving others.
- _____ Go Christmas caroling at a nursing home.
- _____ Support a local or international charity:
The free clinic, World Vision, a food pantry, etc.
- _____ Invite some people over for a Christmas party. Invite people who might be alone.
- _____ Think about how to give God a gift:
Forgive someone/ Help someone/ Give to someone.
- _____ Purchase a nativity scene and set it up in a prominent place in your house to remind you about the true meaning of Christmas.
- _____ Write a Christmas letter to a Christian being persecuted overseas: www.prisoneralert.com
- _____ Receive the gift of forgiveness Jesus is offering.
- _____ Deliver cookies to your neighbor.
- _____ On Christmas Eve, sit with your family and ask everyone to share examples of how God has been faithful in the last year.