

December 11th-17th, 2011



The Christmas Story



It's been said that all truth is God's truth. Every good story that resonates with us points to GOD'S story. Each year we return to our favorite Christmas programs and this year we want to approach them looking for echoes of THE Christmas story. As you watch your favorite Christmas programs this year, let the daily Scripture readings and those shows get stirred up together so that all our favorite Christmas stories become lenses through which we can be reminded of THE Christmas story and see Jesus a little bit clearer.

o Sunday 12.11.11		1 Timothy 6.11-16
o Monday 12.12.11		Matthew 1.22-23
o Tuesday 12.13.11		Isaiah 7.10-15
o Wednesday 12.14.11		John 1.14
o Thursday 12.15.11		Genesis 1
o Friday 12.16.11		Isaiah 1.18
o Saturday 12.17.11		Psalms 51.1-10
o Sunday 12.18.11		Revelation 2.1-5

As you read the daily Scripture, keep a journal in which you write the day's date, the Scripture you read, any observations (writing what you noticing or what's particularly interesting, challenging, etc.), and how you ought to live differently in light of what you've learned, that is, what next steps do you need to take in your relationship with God. And then write a "title" for the day. What's the lesson of the day summed up in a few words.

Discussion Questions

.It is at this season we experience all kinds of things from consumerism, over booked schedules to fears that all draw us away from God?

>>READ>> Luke 2:10 What does this passage mean to you?

."How do you focus on the Right things and keep your eyes on Christ? What has this kept you from doing?

.Buddy freaks out with excitement when he hears Santa is there. He is DELIGHTED because of this relationship with Santa. How does that mirror your relationship with God?

.What steps will you take this next year to capture the delight, joy and a deeper love for God?

.Where are you finding your joy this Christmas?

.Buddy rallies the people, ALL people, to get them on board. What effect has the news of Christ's birth had on you? Who would you like to tell about what Jesus has done in your life? Share.

.How will you experience a childlike faith this Christmas and get caught up in the wonder of the incarnation?



Share your highs & lows of the day

Read the Scripture in the Bible

Talk about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

Pray about your highs & lows, family, world

Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday _____ Luke 2.10

Monday _____ Luke 2.20

Tuesday _____ 1 Thessalonians 5.16

Wednesday _____ 1 Chronicles 16.10

Thursday _____ Psalm 71.23

Friday _____ Philemon 1.7

Saturday _____ Psalm 68.3

Blessing: May you find true joy in the Lord.

