



December 4th-10th, 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 12.4.11		Matthew 5.14-16
o Monday 12.5.11		Acts 20.35
o Tuesday 12.6.11		1 John 4.10
o Wednesday 12.7.11		Exodus 25
o Thursday 12.8.11		Matthew 25.31-46
o Friday 12.9.11		Isaiah 9.6-7
o Saturday 12.10.11		Revelation 19.1-16
o Sunday 12.11.11		1 Timothy 6.11-16

**Throughout advent, leading up to Christmas, this reading plan is going to essentially follow along with the "Rediscovering the Christmas Season" plan on YouVersion.com. If you haven't already, go to the app store on your smart phone or iPod touch and download the Bible / YouVersion app for FREE. You can sign up for the "Rediscovering the Christmas Season" plan in the app or at YouVersion.com and follow along with the Homepage readings on your device whenever and wherever you are!*

Discussion Questions

.Can you identify with the Grinch, wounded by rejection? How did you respond? Take it out on the world or loved ones or work on redemption?

.How can you be Cindy Lou Who to someone this Christmas season and extend grace? Where can you show this kind of love here in Anderson Township? Cincinnati? The World?

.Have you or someone you know experienced a heart change? How does it make you feel to know that God brings us back into his family no matter how Grinchy we might be? What warning can we share with others about living a life like Grinch?

>>READ>> Genesis 45

.When in your life have you enjoyed "God's provision"- sovereignty, redemptively, or materially?

.If you have been in Joseph's brother's place or Grinch's place, how did you feel when you were shown grace?

.What impresses you most about Joseph or the way the Grinch story ends? Why? Share.

.What jumped out at you the most in today's sermon and why? How will you make plans this week to show grace and tell the Grinch's and non-Grinch too about God's grace?



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 _____ John 1.16

Thursday _____ Luke 6.29

Monday _____ 1 Peter 3.9

Friday _____ Luke 6.36

Tuesday _____ 2 Corinthians 9.8

Saturday _____ Colossians 3.12

Wednesday _____ Matthew 5.44

Blessing: May you be gracious to others in response to God's grace.

