

"I'm Dreaming of a Right Christmas"

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Key Scriptures

Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-12

Start It

1. Describe your most memorable Christmas as a child? As an adult?
2. If you could give any gift to anyone, what would you give, to whom and why?

Study It

1. Read Luke 2:8-20. Why did God choose shepherds to be among Jesus' first visitors? What was the immediate reaction of the shepherds after the angels left? What do you think the shepherds were most excited about telling other people?
2. According to Matthew 2:1-12, what internal and external factors prompted the wise men to search for Jesus? What was the reaction of the wise men when they realized they had found the Christ?

Apply It

1. If you had been with the shepherds on the night Christ was born, what would you have done after the angels left? What is the responsibility of those who "discover" the good news about Jesus?
2. What are some various "presents" we might give to Christ? What are some specific ways Christians can serve as "stars" and lead others to Christ?

Live It

1. How can you glorify and praise God with other Christians between now and Christmas?
2. What gift of time, effort or money would demonstrate your love for Jesus this week?
3. What star-like, shining deed can you do this week to point a non-Christian friend to Christ?

Memorize It

But Mary quietly treasured all of these things in her heart and thought about them often.

Luke 2:19 (NLT)

Study It More

Luke 1 & 2; Matthew 1 & 2; Micah 5