

## UNWRAPPING GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

DECEMBER 25, 2022

### WORSHIP

O Little Town of Bethlehem,  
Joy to the World, Hark the  
Herald (King of Heaven),  
For Unto Us A Child is Born  
(Open the Eyes), O Come  
Let Us Adore (His Name  
Shall Be)

### WELCOME

What gift have you received  
this Christmas that was  
something you needed the  
most?

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's provision for families deeply affected by inflation.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, dleaders, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

### WORD

#### READ IT!

#### LUKE 2:6-15

(READ VERSES 1-20 FOR THE WHOLE CONTEXT)

<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

#### PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

#### TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God's greatest gift?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

#### POINT IT OUT!

##### I. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

(Luke 2:1-7, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35, Proverbs 21:1)

##### II. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

(Numbers 23:19, Genesis 3:15, Hebrews 2:16, Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 49:10, 2 Samuel 7:1-17, Jeremiah 22:30, Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2, 2 Timothy 2:13, Psalm 119:75, Matthew 6:33, Romans 8:28)

##### III. GOD'S GREATEST GIFT, JESUS

(Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 20:13-15, 21:8, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Luke 2:15-20)

### WORKS

#### APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "Unwrapping God's Greatest Gift", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will \_\_\_\_\_

#### SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

#### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for God's greatest gift this Christmas to be revealed and accepted by your family, friends and those who do not know Jesus yet as Savior and Lord. Share the good news that bring great joy to all people as you celebrate Christmas, and all year through.

### MEMORY VERSE

#### LUKE 2:10-11

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