

LIVING FAITH: Chapter 22

Living Faith is a family activity that helps drive home the point from this week's chapter from The Story.

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Any time is the perfect time to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. You don't have to wait until Christmas. If Jesus hadn't come to earth, there would be no forgiveness of sins.

Gather your family and watch a video of the Go Fish song "Christmas With a Capital C." You can find two versions on YouTube:

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAckfn8yiAQ
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEojXQHd1DU

One of the videos shows pictures of the Go Fish band members. The other pictures a house that has its Christmas lights timed to go with the song. They're both pretty short, so your family could watch each one as you listen to the song's powerful lyrics.

Society is trying to push out the miracle of Christ's birth from the holidays. But like the song says, "Jesus came down to take the punishment for me. He did it for you, too, so maybe you can see why it's called Christmas."

Fight the trend of taking Christ out of Christmas by putting Christ in everyday. Think of somebody you know who could use a dose of cheer. As a family pick out a present that costs less than \$10. Wrap it and give it to them. Let them know that Jesus has given you so much that you want to give a little away, too. Jesus' love can't be contained! And when Christmas comes around this year, make sure that everybody around you knows that Jesus loves them.

Extra Mile

Jesus' birth is one of the most highly talked about historical events. Watch this surprising video on Christ's birth:

www.creativepastors.com/product_1764?stream=Upside_Down_MPEG1

The video begins with a person who doubts the miracle of Jesus' birth. But once Jesus changes his heart and gives him hope, the same text is read upside down. The truth is Jesus turns our lives upside down. Instead of being selfish, we become selfless. Instead of wanting earthly treasures, we lay up treasures in heaven. After watching the video, have family members talk about one difference that Jesus has made in their lives.