

don't miss Christmas!

LESSON 1

WHY PEOPLE OFTEN MISS CHRISTMAS

- _____ (The Innkeeper)

"... there was no room for them in the inn." LUKE 2:7

- _____ (The Religious Leaders)

"Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, 'In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet [Micah] wrote about this in the Scriptures ...'" MATTHEW 2:4-5

"Their minds are in the dark, and they are stubborn so they have missed out on the life that comes from God." EPHESIANS 4:18

- _____ (King Herod)

"When King Herod heard about this news, he was very disturbed and worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem." MATTHEW 2:3

*"Some people have missed the most important thing in life
—they don't know God!"* 1 TIMOTHY 6:21 (LB)

HOW TO NOT MISS CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS:

- STOP: _____

*"All man's busy rushing ends in nothing.
He heaps up riches for someone else to spend."* PSALM 39:6

"Be still and know that I am God!" PSALM 46:10

"Reverence for God adds hours to each day!" PROVERBS 10:27

• LOOK: _____

“Go and make a careful search for the child.” MATTHEW 2:8

God says: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” JEREMIAH 29:13

• LISTEN: _____

*“The angel said, ‘FEAR NOT, I bring you good news of great joy!
... A Savior has been born for you—he is Christ the Lord.’”* LUKE 2:10-11

Jesus said: “I have come so that you may have life, and have it to the fullest!” JOHN 10:10

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through him.” JOHN 3:17

FOR A NEW LIFE AT CHRISTMAS . . .

STOP!

“Christ carried the burden of our sins on the cross so that we could STOP living for sin and START living for what is right. His wounds heal us.” 1 PETER 2:24 (NCV)

LOOK!

“Let all the world LOOK to me for salvation! For I am God and there is no other!” ISAIAH 45:22 (NLT)

LISTEN!

*“Listen to what God says: THIS is the hour to receive God’s favor!
TODAY is the day to be saved!”* 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

the Christmas gift of **Peace**

LESSON 2

*“A child has been born for us and God has given us a Son . . .
He will be called . . . the Prince of Peace!”* ISAIAH 9:6

*Jesus: “I am giving you the gift of peace, the kind of peace that only I can give.
It isn’t like the peace that this world gives.”* JOHN 14:27

3 KINDS OF PEACE JESUS OFFERS YOU

1. _____

“God sent Christ to make peace between himself and us.” 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18

*“Since we are made right with God by faith in Christ,
we have peace with God because of what Jesus has done for us.”* ROMANS 5:1

*“Even though we were his enemies, God made peace with us, because his Son died for our sins.
Now that we’re at peace with God, we will be saved for eternity by his Son’s life.”* ROMANS 5:10

2. _____

“Let the PEACE OF GOD rule IN your heart . . .” COLOSSIANS 3:15

3. _____

*“Christ brought us all together through his death on the Cross. The Cross gets us
to embrace each other, and end the hostility between different groups.”* EPHESIANS 2:16

*“In Christ’s family there is no division between Jew and Gentile, slave or free, or even male and female.
In Christ we’re all equal and the same. We’re all in a common relationship with Jesus.”* GALATIANS 3:28

3 ESSENTIALS TO ENJOYING GOD’S PEACE

1. _____

*“I pray that your heart will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future
that God has called you to share . . .”* Ephesians 1:18

“Make sure that the light you think you have is not really darkness.” LUKE 11:35

2. _____

“God opposes the prideful but gives grace to the humble.” JAMES 4:6

“Lord, grant us PEACE, for all we have, and all we are, has come from you!” ISAIAH 26:12

“The Lord is close to those whose hearts are breaking; he rescues those who are humbly sorry for their sins.” PSALM 34:18

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him. If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far greater than the human mind can understand. God’s peace will guard your heart and mind as you live in Christ Jesus.” PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

3. _____

Jesus: “Come to ME, all of you who are tired and worn out from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest! Yoke up with me and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble, and you’ll find peace and rest for your soul.”
MATTHEW 11:28-29

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

“You, Lord give true peace to those who depend on you, because they trust you.” ISAIAH 26:3