

God is Closer Than We Know

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Sometimes we can feel like God is so far away and not around, especially during hard times. The truth is God loves us and is closer than we know. Christmas reminds us of Jesus' birth and God's proof that He loves and cares for us. God didn't want us to suffer in sin and be separated from Him forever. So, He sent Jesus to be born into the world and save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can find hope in this life on earth and look forward to living with God forever.

Jesus came into the world to be close to us.

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:4-12 NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17 NIV)

Discussion:

- Do you feel like you have a good relationship with God? Explain why.
- What area of your life needs the hope of Jesus right now? (Family, School, Relationships, etc.)

Prayer:

- Pray for each other and an area where you need the hope of Jesus.
- Pray for one person you can share the hope of Jesus with this week.