

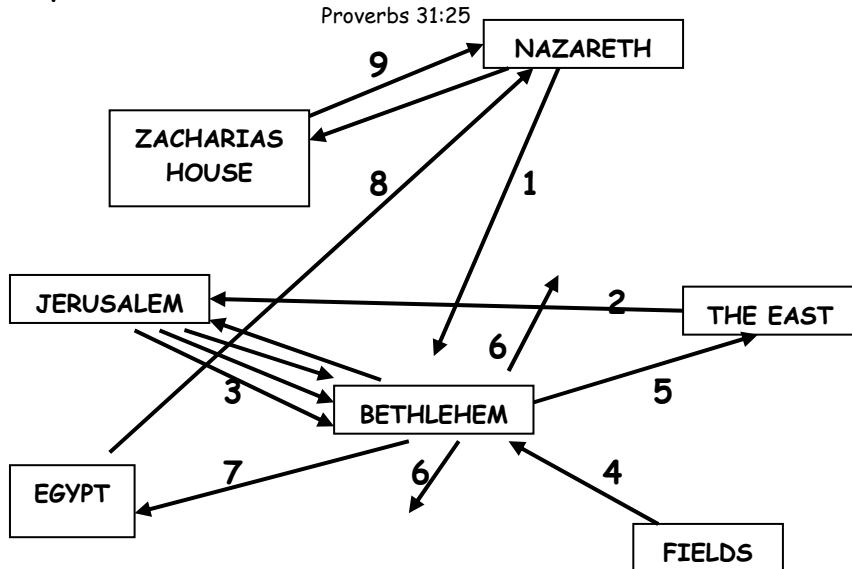
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE CHRISTMAS STORY?

Look at the different journeys below and write alongside each name the numbers of the journeys each person made.



Check out the story in Matthew 2 and Luke 1,2

Joseph _____ Mary _____ Baby Jesus _____ Elisabeth _____
 Shepherds _____ Wisemen _____ Herod's soldiers _____



Answers to puzzles:

Christmas stars: wisemen, star, angel, shepherd, Jesus, sheep, manger, gold.
 Christmas gifts: pearl; cake; gold ring; earrings; figs and raisins; bracelet, crown.
 Hidden Christmas Clues: Baby Jesus
 Christmas journeys: Joseph 1,3,3,7,8; Mary 1,3,3,7,8,9,9; Baby Jesus 3,3,7,8;
 Elisabeth 0; Shepherds 4,6,6; Wisemen 2,3,5; Herod's soldiers 3.

We pray that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and get lots of opportunities to remind other people that we are celebrating Jesus' birthday! Be blessed!

Until "next year",

love from Shirley!

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Ezekiel 12:2

Merry Christmas!!

Although many people in North America are trying to make us say "Season's Greetings" instead, NO-ONE can take Jesus Christ out of Christmas! Jesus IS the reason for the season - NOT Santa, NOT Frosty the Snowman, and NOT the toy stores! The Baby Jesus came to the earth as a gift from our Heavenly Father - so that we could meet GOD himself, and understand Him better and about His wonderful plan for us to know Him and live with Him forever! THIS is what we are celebrating every year - Jesus Birthday!



We decorate our homes with bright lights and colors because in the Northern Hemisphere it is winter, and often cold and dreary - to remind us that Jesus brought the light of God into the darkness of our lives!

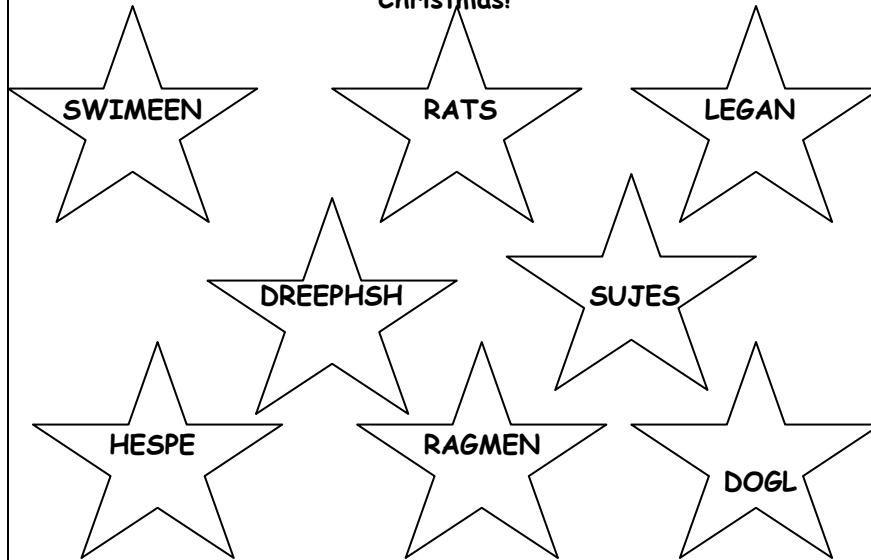
We give gifts and help others in need instead of thinking of ourselves, because the spirit of Christmas is about loving others! We sing Christmas carols and send cards because we want to tell others about how wonderful Jesus is!



Other people may only talk about Santa Claus and food, and make long lists of things they want - but as long as WE focus on Jesus, He will have a wonderful Birthday!

CHRISTMAS STAR PUZZLE

Rearrange the letters inside each star to form a word about Christmas!



Hebrews 5:14

FUN-FILLED CHRISTMAS RACE

Here is a great idea for a Christmas party where you have plenty of room and enough children (or adults!) for at least two teams of 4 - one person to represent Joseph, one for Mary, one for the donkey and one for the Baby Jesus.

Psalm 114:6 Choose 4 bases or stations around the room or playing area. #1 represents Nazareth, #2 Bethlehem, #3 the house visited by the wisemen, #4 Egypt. Baby Jesus waits at #2, and at #3 place 3 packages for each team representing the gifts of the wisemen.

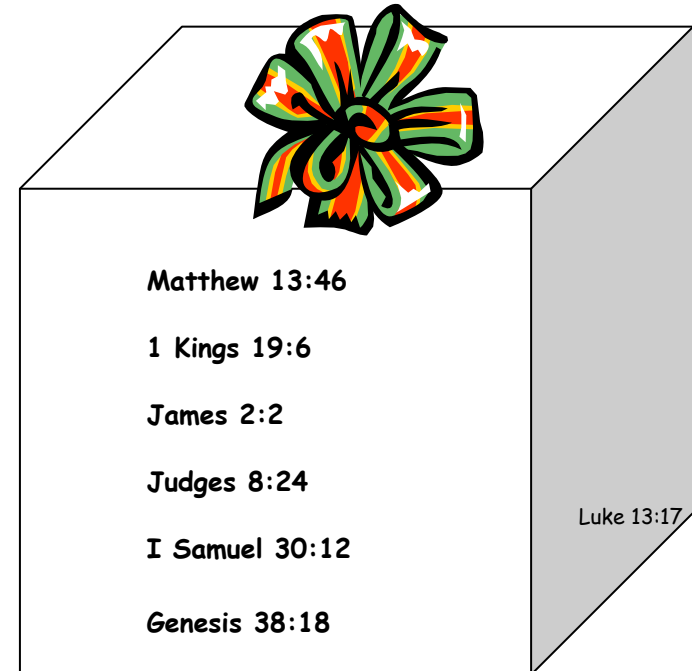


The race is carried out as follows: #1 Mary sits on the donkey and is led by Joseph to base #2, where Mary gets off the donkey and picks up Baby Jesus, whom she carries while Joseph leads the donkey to base

#3. There, Joseph picks up the three packages and leads the donkey, while Mary carries Baby Jesus and they all race to base #4, Egypt!! It is hilariously funny to watch!

CHRISTMAS GIFT HUNT

Look up these Bible verses (King James Version) to discover some gifts that might be found inside this Christmas box:



Matthew 13:46

1 Kings 19:6

James 2:2

Judges 8:24

I Samuel 30:12

Genesis 38:18

Luke 13:17

HIDDEN CHRISTMAS CLUES

Search throughout this special edition of the World Kids PAL Page and see if you can find NINE hidden Bible verses.

Look up each verse in a King James Version Bible and then write down the FIRST LETTER of the verse.

When you have written all nine first letters, then rearrange them to spell the name of a very important Bible character.

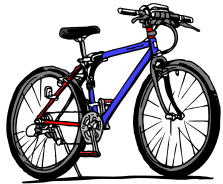


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True story!

This is a story about our own family about 15 years ago when we ^{1 Corinthians 11:4} first moved out to live on our small farm. Our house was very tiny and we still had not been able to put up insulation or a ceiling, and so we only had a tin roof. Our heater was an old box stove that burned wood, and it was in the living room, which was also the kitchen and dining room! Gerald was out of work and we still had three young children at home, and we didn't know what we were going to do about Christmas presents. Gerald decided to rebuild some old bicycles to make a "new" one for each of the boys, and I worked on making a nurse's uniform and medical bag (with band-aids and rolls of bandage, and containers of small candy as pills) for our daughter. Then a few days before Christmas Gerald was asked to accompany a neighbor on a trip to Alabama to load up a horse, and he would receive \$100 - just in time for Christmas!



The day Gerald left, the weather started to change and the temperature dropped from about 70° down to freezing by nightfall. It got colder and colder and so I decided that we should all sleep in the living room next to the fire. I kept waking up during the night to put in more firewood and checked that the taps were still dripping so that the water pipes wouldn't freeze. But when I woke up at 7am I knew it was bad - there was frost on the INSIDE of the roof and there was no water. The pipes and well had frozen solid, because the temperature was a bitter 10° outside - and a freezing 25° INSIDE the house!!! NOT the usual weather for our part of Texas!

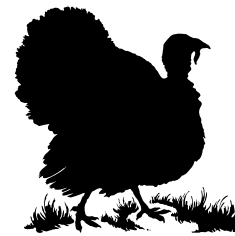
We kept chickens and turkeys, and goats, and when I went out to feed them, their buckets of water were frozen completely solid! We had no more water to give them! The next two days were filled with hard work - we were able to get a few buckets of water from a neighbor, to drink and wash with, and I heated up ice on the stove to get water for the animals.



We had planned on taking baskets of fruit, homemade cookies and special Christmas candles, that the children's group at church had made, around to the elderly people in the area. No-one else wanted to go because of the ice on the roads, but I was worried that someone needed to check up on our elderly neighbors, and so we loaded up the pickup truck and off I went with my three small children - bundled up in ^{I Kings 8:56} sweaters and coats so thick that we could barely move, but bearing gifts and full of the Christmas spirit! There was no time to work on finishing the gifts for our own children, and I just prayed that Gerald would make it back safely in time for Christmas.



Finally, on Christmas Eve morning, the sun came out and the temperature started to rise - and the pipes all burst and we had water leaking everywhere!!! Gerald made it home safely to find me mopping up water amid piles of dirty clothes from where we had been dealing with the animals, and with NOTHING ready for Christmas! Oh yes, we DID have a turkey - but it was still running around outside in the pen! We could only pray that SOMEHOW the Lord would help us get everything done in time so that the children would not be disappointed.



I went into town to spend the \$100 on some food, wrapping paper, a few small gifts and materials to fix the pipes then Gerald started repairing the mess! We worked hard all day and through the night - cleaning the house, doing laundry, butchering the turkey, repainting the bikes and finishing the gifts. We finally collapsed exhausted into bed at about 5am on Christmas morning - to be woken up 30 minutes later by three excited children ready to open their gifts!!

SOMEHOW we had done it! The Lord had been faithful to enable us to do the impossible! Maybe our children didn't have fancy gifts; our home was small and considered "poor" by most people here in the USA, and the turkey may have had a few stray feathers on it still when it came out of the oven, but that Christmas we felt the presence of the Lord right there with us in our home - no-one and nothing could take that away from us!