

God's Great Gift

Discussion Questions

Q1. What does Christmas mean to you?

Q2. What does the birth of Jesus mean to humankind? Why was it so important to us that God become a man?

Q3. Have you ever wondered if God celebrates Christmas? (yes, I realize this is a strange question) What do you think it means to him?

Read Luke 2:25-35 (p.615)

Q4. We hear lots about Christ being the "Saviour" at this time of year. Why would he be called a Saviour?

Q5. Do you think people need a Saviour? Why or why not? What do people need to be saved from?

Q6. What does Simeon mean when he says that Jesus would be a "light for revelation to the Gentiles"?

[A Gentile is a non-Jewish person – your kids may not know this]

Q7. What is the significance of Jesus being this light for revelation to you personally?

Q8. Jesus was born of a virgin, was God become a man, lived a life dedicated to save people from sin and death, and died for you in your place on a cross. Have these facts changed the way you live your life? If so, how? If not, why not?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Luke 2:25-35 (NLT – p.615)

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised.

³⁰ I have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared for all people.

³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations,
and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."