

Wonderful
Counsellor
The everlasting Father
The mighty God
The Prince of Peace

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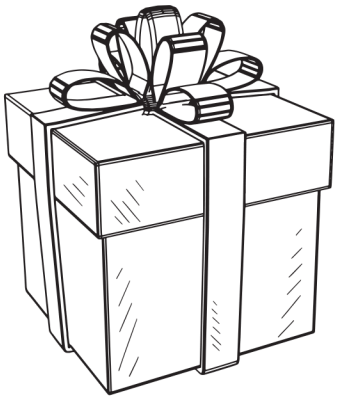
Unwrapping the Gift of Jesus



The first part of the word wonderful is wonder. Familiarity tends to rob me of WONDER. When I become familiar with things I can easily take them for granted. I stop noticing & examining things that are familiar. What captures the wonder of my heart will control the way I live daily. Familiarity has done this to me as what I once celebrated, I hardly even notice, if at all.

Sadly, many of us aren't gripped by the wonder of the birth of Jesus, our WONDERFUL Lord. It is so easy to forget the gift I have been given in the person and work of JESUS. Let's examine the wonder of the shepherds, look into the manger, listen to the songs of the angels.

Write out Isaiah 9:6:

In a culture that uses this season to get children to dream about how the next toy or material things will make their life so much better, we need to draw our children toward the WONDER of our great Lord & Savior, JESUS. And... what about you, as an adult, or teenager, are you allowing unforgiveness, bitterness, fear, social media, or whatever to capture your WONDER???

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Read Luke 2:13-14. Why do you think the angels sang at the birth of Jesus?

What is your favorite Christmas song (s)?

The angels sang because HOPE had finally come. What should be your motive for singing about Jesus this Christmas?

Glory to God in the Highest

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Read Luke 2:13-14. Why do you think the angels sang at the birth of Jesus?

What is just one evidence of brokenness you see right now in our world?

Before the birth of Jesus the whole world groaned under the weight of its brokenness. One of the mysteries of God's sovereign grace is instead of ignoring the brokeness, He looked on His rebellious creation with eyes of mercy. His action would be just as planned from the beginning with intervention & rescue. He would do in grace what the law could never do. He would be the answer & the most transformational gift ever.

Wisdom, Power, Glory,& Grace

==> With those things the Lord Almighty, the Creator & Sovereign King would conquer sin & death.

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According to Philippians 2:5-8 how did he take on human flesh?

Read Hebrews 2:14-18. Why did Jesus come in the flesh (Who did He come to destroy)? Why else did Jesus come in the flesh as our high priest to make a sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 2:17-18).

Jesus came in the flesh as our high priest to make a sacrifice for our sins & to destroy the devil. As the high priest represented the people before God in the temple (Hebrews 5:1-3), so Jesus had to be made like us in every way (except sin: Hebrews 4:15; 7:26) in order to represent us before God.

Jesus is My High Priest

Jesus has already run the course of this life & faced suffering & is now seated at the right hand of God. Run the race of life with endurance, keeping your eyes fixed upon Jesus, the author & completer of our faith. This is the Christ we celebrate this Christmas.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

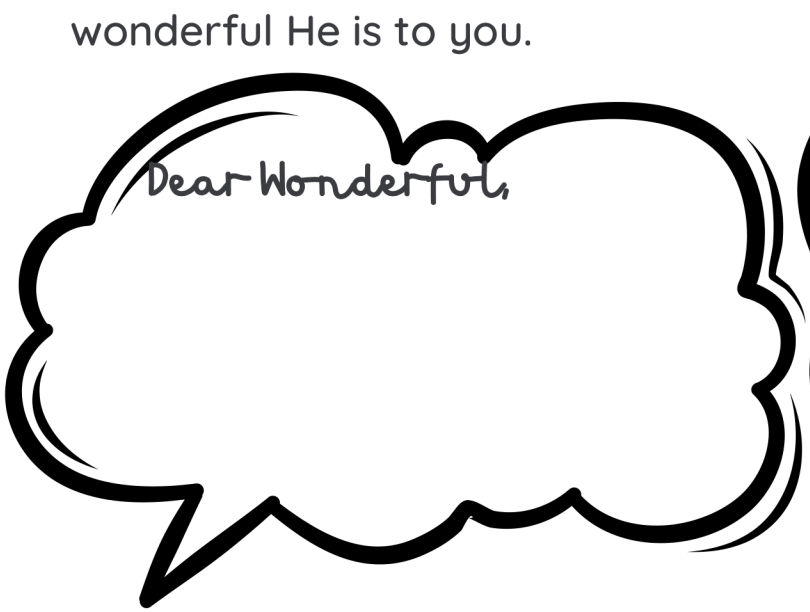
Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Isaiah chose these names to communicate how the Messiah is what you and I desperately need.

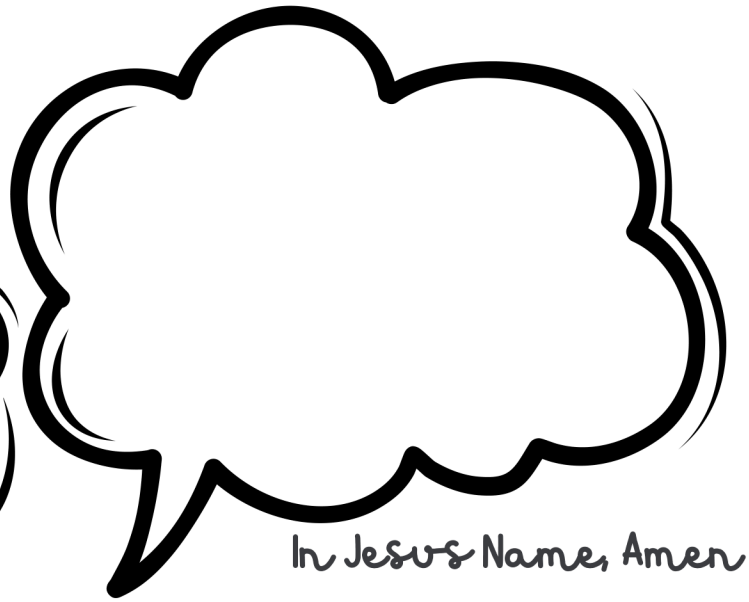
Write out those names (Isaiah 9:6):

Wonderful

Matthew Henry, wrote, “Justly is he called **wonderful**, for he is both God & man. His love is the **wonder** of angels & glorified saints; in his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, he was **wonderful**.”

Action: Write out a prayer to God & thank Him for how wonderful He is to you.





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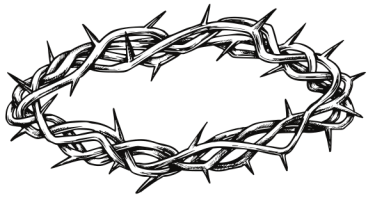
Counsellor

The Lord is our Teacher, Advisor or Counselor. Foolishness is believing we can live life on our own. Jesus came to rescue fools from themselves. The only counsel that we should consider 100% reliable is the counsel given to us by the Creator who genuinely cares for His creation. In the Bible YHWH is the Great reliable Counsellor.

How does Jeremiah 32:19 describe YHWH?



Jesus is “great in counsel & mighty in deed” so He would be a counsellor… a divine advisor! Look into the manager. This little baby would grow up to be an excellent counsellor… the kind who cared for, listened to, & guided His people.

Prince of Peace

This child, a wonderful Prince of Peace, would be born to us, here on earth, & He would come from the royal line of David, son of _____ according to Isaiah 11:1-6

Sin makes us want our own way & is DESTRUCTIVE. BUT GOD…had a solution that was not a negotiation (not earned, achieved or deserved) but a GIFT! That gift was peace with God.

Go back to Isaiah 11:6. What picture of peace is painted?



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The Mighty God

This child would be the means for God to unleash his might through Jesus to defeat sin & death for all eternity. He also empowered us to desire & do what we would not be able to do without his Son working in & through us.
The mighty power that resurrected Jesus from the grave is the same power that enables you to press on when it is hard.
When was a time the Mighty Power of God rescued you?

Everlasting Father

This baby Jesus would be the door by which we have access to God, the Everlasting Father. He lived, he died, and was resurrected so we could be welcomed into his family. Thinking on the doctrine of ADOPTION, what is another name of God in Romans 8: 15-17?

We are blessed by all the rights & privileges of being his children. We are no longer lost, separated, alienated, & alone, but live together as a daughter or son of the KING OF KINGS!



More reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

John 1:9-14

9 That was the true _____, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was _____by him, and the world knew him not.

Creator

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he _____to become the sons of God, even to them that _____on his name:

13 Which were born, not of _____, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of _____.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his _____, the glory as of the only begotten of the _____) full of _____ and _____.

God's Nature & Character:

The Bible itself is meant to reveal who God is—to show us what He is like and teach us what He has done throughout history. We will never fully understand God, of course, nor will this life be free from suffering & pain.

Jot down as many names of God as you think of in 30 seconds:

NAMES OF JESUS

Isaiah 9:6



the Names of Jesus

God is...

Write one name of God in this box on the next page

Think of an example in scripture where Jesus exemplified being {insert the name of Jesus}

Real life application {Tell of a time when you experienced Jesus as your {insert the name of Jesus}

As Immanuel, He IS present with you right now. Thank him for being {insert name of Jesus} and/or lament to Him because He is a sovereign GOD. [Write out your prayer to God or pray in your heart.]

Bible Verse (s):

the Names of Jesus

God is...

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God has defined His nature & character in His word. We acknowledge who He is, **Wonderful**. In our sin nature we view ourselves as a victim if we are not careful to bring captive our thoughts. This is a mentality that we are focused on our selves & not on the MIGHTY GOD. We are VICTORS in Christ. Remember who HE is! **The Prince of Peace**
Read 2 Corinthians 10:5. What must you do to fight the battle in your mind when the enemy tries to defeat you?

You can not control the actions of others. You can only control your response. We do not answer to God for how people have sinned against us. True peace comes from God, the PRINCE OF PEACE, when I acknowledge my sin nature & need of a **Counsellor** - The Counsellor, Comforter, Healer!

Forgiveness & bitterness are often tough. To forgive is to commit someone to God's justice. Remember, GOD is the Righteous Judge. It is not a one time decision. It can happen quickly or over a course of time. But the key for you is not about that person but you continually giving that person to God, instead of holding them to our own justice.

We say we believe in the power of Jesus, yet not his power over our particular situation. Jesus died so you could live in victory & not defeat. You are never alone if you have Jesus. The enemy does battle in your mind, but you can through **The mighty God** have an abundant life free from the burden of unforgiveness, bitterness, isolation, etc. You are an overcomer! You are a child of the KING OF KINGS, **The everlasting Father**

O Come Let Us Adore Him



1. What are some of your privileges right now of being a child of God?

2. How do those privileges give you peace & strength for what you are facing today?

3. How do you view yourself in the flesh as a victim? (having trouble with this...when do I mumble "but nobody understand that I {whatever that is}

4. How did the birth of Christ provide a solution for your sinful nature? Talk to God about your specific sin struggles.

5. Read Ps. 61, Proverbs 11:16, Proverbs 19:20-21 Is it okay to lament (cry out to God)? Why is it important to seek godly counsel?

5. How will you specifically be intentional about worshiping your wonderful LORD?

O Come Let Us Adore Him



God reveals Himself to us through many different names in the Bible. No single name can describe all that God is. In fact, God uses each & every one of His names to reveal a different part of His character to us & each has great significance.

Names in Revelation

1:5 The First-born from the dead
1:5 The highest of earthly kings
1:8 The Alpha and Omega (also 22:13)
1:8 Lord God
1:8 The Almighty
1:13 Son of Man
1:17 The First and the Last
1:18 The Living One
2:18 Son of God
3:14 Witness (also "faithful witness" in 1:5)
4:11 Creator
5:5 Lion of the Tribe of Judah
5:5 Root of David
5:6 The Lamb
7:17 The Shepherd
12:10 Christ (Anointed)
19:11 Faithful and True
19:13 Word of God
19:16 King of Kings
19:16 Lord of Lords

Hebrew Names

El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
El Elyon (The Most High God)
Adonai (Lord, Master)
Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
El Olam (The Everlasting God)
Elohim (God)
Qanna (Jealous)
Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

Who Is God

Make your own list of names of God. Begin using those names at the beginning of your prayers. God will increase your understanding of His character, build your faith, acknowledge who HE is & expand your capacity for praise & worship. God loves to hear us use His names in our worship! There are well over 650 names of God including Hebrew names, "I Am" names, the “Who” names/characteristics of God, & titles.

I am Gracious I am that I am

I am the Bread of Life

Who is Above All Jehovah Shalom

Who has set the glory above the heavens

Majesty Son of David Sun and Shield Strong Tower

The lifter up of mine head The light of the world

The living Father The Living God

A Branch (Jesus) Adonai

A chief cornerstone (Jesus)

A consuming fire A covert from the tempest

A crown of glory A diadem of beauty

A father to Israel

Buckler to all those that trust in him

Buckler to them that walk uprightly

Write you own list on next couple of pages or in a journal



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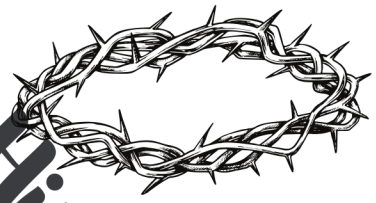



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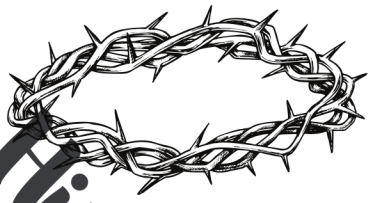

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Read Luk2 2:1-20

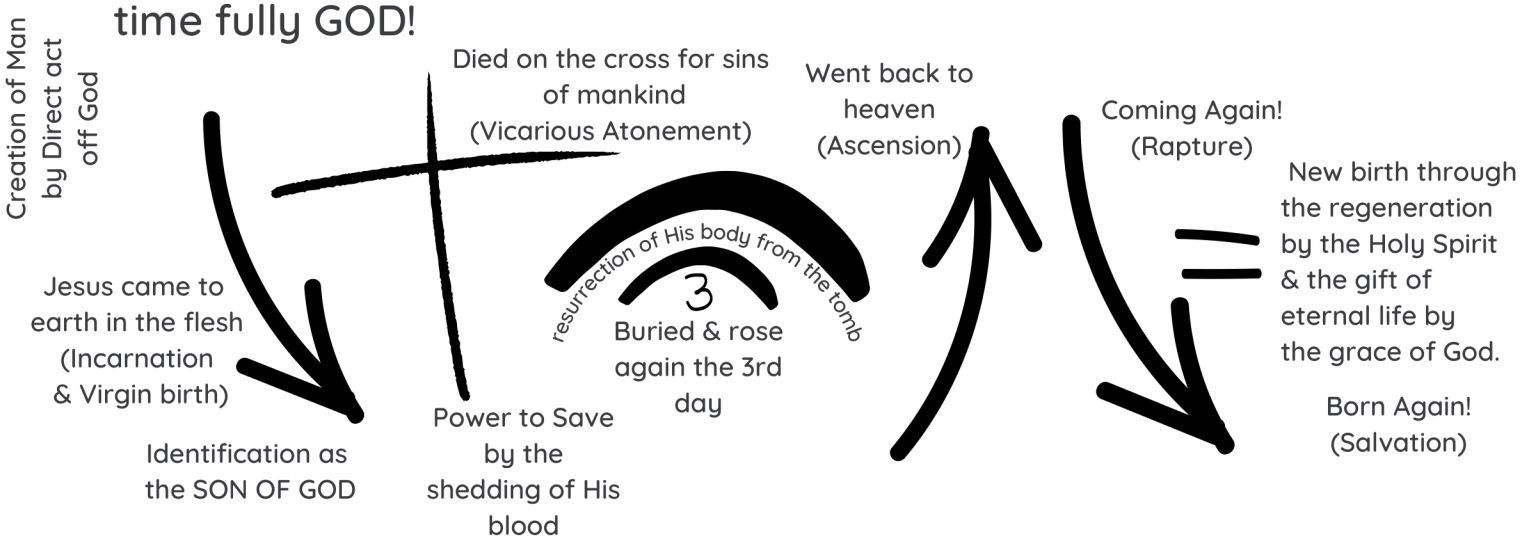
Fill in the blanks with names of God.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a _____, which is _____the _____.

Read Luke 2:19 What did Mary do?

Mary was thinking about all these things carefully. Imagine at this point she doesn't know what we know. We are now looking back at this time in history. Remember this was real people in a real time in history. Let's PONDER the name of Jesus!

- This story is like non other ever told.
- The main star was JESUS, not only as a BABY but also at the same time fully GOD!



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- We must accept the bad news of the birth of JESUS before we can truly understand & rejoice in the GOOD NEWS of the gospel.
  BAD NEWS = Desperate wicked world in need of a SAVIOUR!

- Good news is only good news to people who know they need good news. If you have never lost anything you don't know the joy of finding something. If you have never been afraid you don't know the meaning of feeling safe & secure. Suffering and trials allow us to lament to God. We run to HIM when we lament. It is in our brokenness we recognize our need of a savior.

What is bad news? Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil _____, and good _____; that put _____ for _____, and light for _____; that put _____ for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Ephesians 2:1-9 Walking according to the course of _____

Isaiah 64:6 All our righteousness are like _____

Romans 3:23 We are all _____

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is _____

Do any other verses come to mind about the bad news?

How do you see this in present day.

GOOD NEWS = GOSPEL

Romans 6:23 But the gift of God is _____ _____ through _____ (He is JESUS, He is CHRIST, He is LORD)

Ephesians 2:8-9 We can not save ourselves through our own works but by the grace of God. It is a gift from GOD!

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Jesus = Lamb of God
Perfect Spotless Son of God

Read John 5:24–25 Have you heard the words of the Lord? Have you believed on the one that sent Jesus?
If you don't yet have life in Christ, there is voice speaking. Read the last 5 verses in Revelation. {and/or} Is there someone you need to share the gospel with that God has put on your heart right now?

_____

THIS TAKES FAITH!
Read Romans 5:8-10 How have you been reconciled to Christ? (Recognizing your need of a savior because of your sin or spiritual darkness, in other words, making things right between you & your creator as a result of atonement. Atonement is that "Christ died for your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3). We were reconciled to God through the work on the cross, not anything we can do to earn it but by faith in the shedding of His blood from a perfect sacrifice, THE LAMB OF GOD!

Is there more than one way to be reconciled to Christ? In other words, is there more than one way to heaven? Acts 4:12 _____
When can you become a child of the KING of KINGS? 2 Corinthians 6:2

_____
Salvation is a free gift from God, our HEAVENLY FATHER. God gives us salvation based on what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross. We accept & receive it by believing the gospel.

The Gospel - The Good News of the Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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1 Corinthians 15:4 … Jesus rose again the _____ day according to the scriptures.

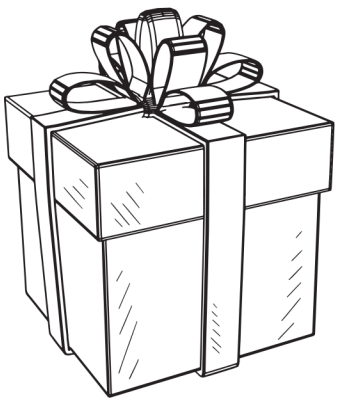
Read John 3:16 Write out in your own words what this verse means.

Read Acts 16:31

Do you believe, that Jesus came to earth in the flesh as little baby, as the sinless perfect sacrifice that died, was buried and rose again.

Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for us, bearing in His own body as the punishment for our sin. God is a righteous JUDGE. Those who accept, receive & believe are saved from the wrath of God our heavenly Father. If you have never prayed & made a personal covenant with God to begin a personal relationship with HIM, you can do that right now, wherever you are!

The Greatest Gift You will ever receive is JESUS!



Give HIM your life! He will change YOU. Don't believe the LIE that you have to change before you receive HIM!

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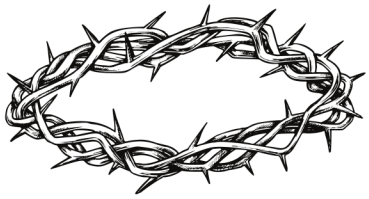
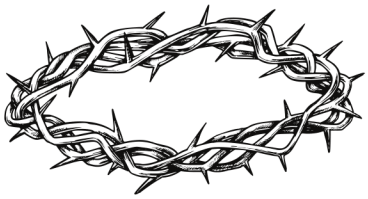


In this world there will be tribulation. Let's go back to a word we mentioned earlier, lament. To cry is human, but to lament is Christian.

Lamenting turns toward God not away from HIM. Therefore, Christians not only mourn the brokenness of the world, but we also long for the day when all weeping will cease. We wonder, “How long, O Lord?” (Psalm 13:1). We can identify with the pain of the birth of Jesus, yet rejoice in the JOY that came from that pain. Anyone can cry but talking to God instead of getting sinfully angry or embittered requires biblical conviction & FAITH!

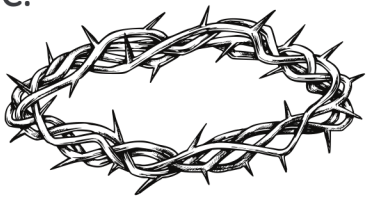


There are whole Psalms written on lamenting & a whole book about the destruction of Jerusalem (Lamentations).
Circle any of these verses you relate to right now the most:

Ps. 61 Ps. 13 Ps. 22 Ps. 77 Ps. 130:1 Ps. 6:3 Ps. 38:9-11 Ps. 42:7 Ps. 10:1-17

Each Psalm was written by a real person with real problems.
Elements of LAMENTING:

- Turning to God (Calling out a name or God or more that you are learning in this mini study or have learned in past)
- Bringing your complaint, situation, questions, etc.
- Asking boldly
- Choosing to trust



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Immanuel = God With Us

Consider writing your own lament. God delights in His children talking to HIM. He is with you right now. See if you can follow the flow of the text as you tell God about your struggle.

Dear (name or names of God on your heart)

_____

_____

_____.

(what are your questions to God, what are your struggling with right now, what are you facing you just don't understand)

_____

_____

_____

(what is something you have learned about the nature of God, for example you are my ROCK, you are a loving God, you are sovereign, you have been my shelter & strong tower,etc)

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(ask God for help)

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(how are you choosing to trust God)

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In Jesus name I pray. AMEN

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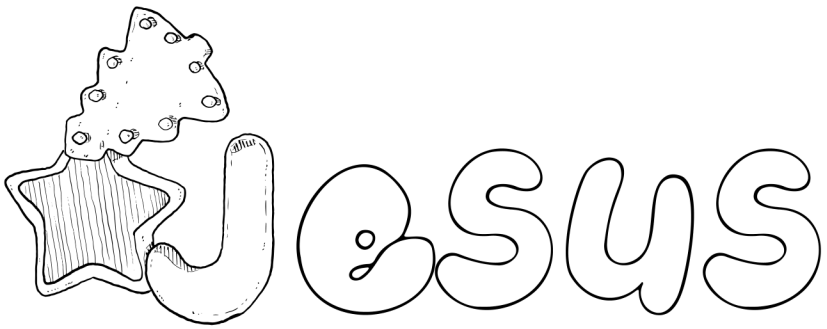
In conclusion, let's go back to what Mary did & PONDER these things for a moment.

1. Ponder you time with God. How much time are spending to personally get to know God. Are you taking some extra time this season to tune up your heart and refocus on the WONDER of it ALL?
2. Ponder your family. If you have family are you putting them first. What are some things you could do specifically to serve them better? If you don't have family there are people that live near you that need Jesus.
3. Ponder your witness to others. What are you specifically doing to build relationships with others?
4. Ponder your commitment to your local church. Are you doing what you can in your ministry & community at church?
5. Ponder your health. Are you doing what you can bodily so you can physically serve God to the best of your ability? (do you need to make some changes to exercise if you are able, food choices, not over eating, & yes it is okay to enjoy special treats this time of year in moderation) Trust me, I struggle with this one & have to lament to the Lord to help me be of sound mind when it comes to food.



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I encourage you to begin your prayers off by calling out names of Jesus. This helps you acknowledge who HE is to you! Just as a mom likes to hear her children call her by name (mom, mama, mommy, mother) Jesus delights when HIS children call HIM by name.

Disclaimer: This mini Bible Study is suitable for middle school & up. The focus is on the names of God & pondering who God is. This mini study pairs well with **Come Let Us Adore Him Advent Devotional** by Paul David Trip & also watching the pilot episode {The Shepherd} of The Chosen series, on the Chosen App or Google Play Store. It is also streaming on platforms including Peacock, Amazon Prime Video, Netflix. If you have elementary age children you can read **Unwrapping the Names of Jesus for Kids** by Asheritah Ciuciu.
Just as a pastor illustrates passages of scriptures or when children do plays acting out Bible Stories remember that what you are seeing is art that should be compared with Scripture. For all its historical accuracy & attention to cultural context, The Chosen is simply one idea from one group of people about what they think it might have been like to be near Jesus. THE SHOW IS NOT GOD WORDS! If elements of errant theology begin creeping into the show itself, then the creators will have betrayed their viewers and the truth of the gospel. This goes for devotionals & books as well. Some Christians will appreciate the retelling of Jesus' life. Others will have difficulty with the artistic license involved with portraying Jesus' life on film. If anything let me encourage you to PONDER WHO IS JESUS & dig deeper into the HOLY WORD! (I John 1:1,14
In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God. In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God.)