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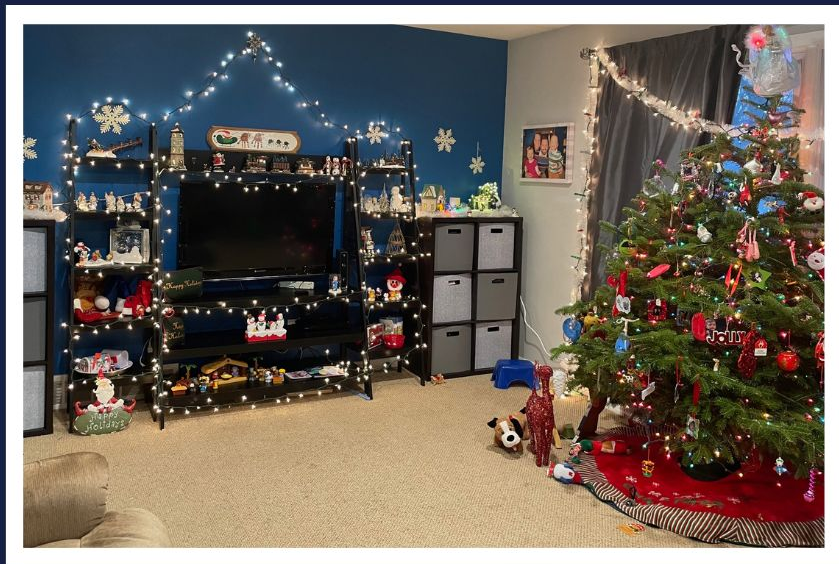
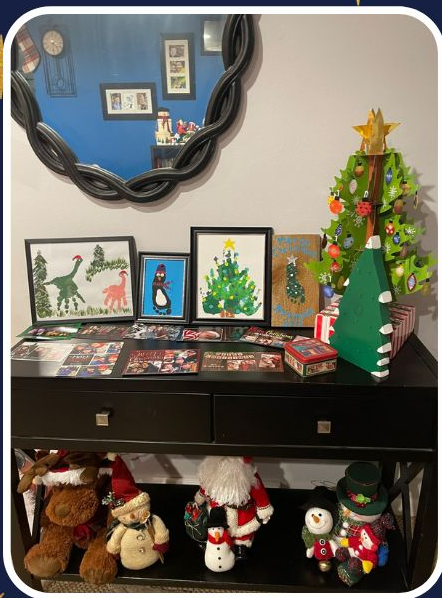
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THE ULTIMATE GOAL:

Let's look at the decorations of
Christmas this year with new eyes,
and

be thankful













MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11A

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him...”



MATTHEW 2:1-11A

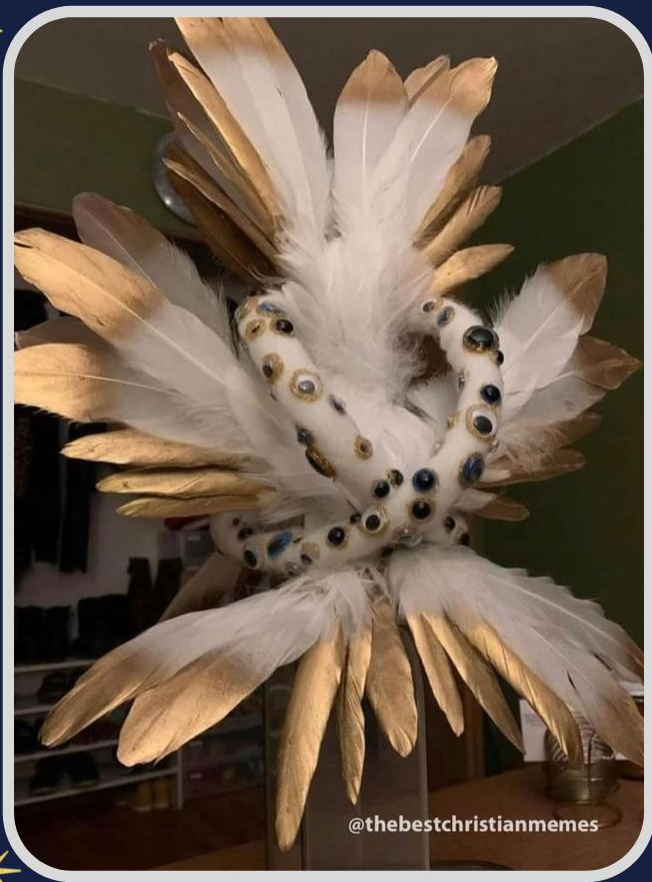
9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.







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LUKE 2: 8-10

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

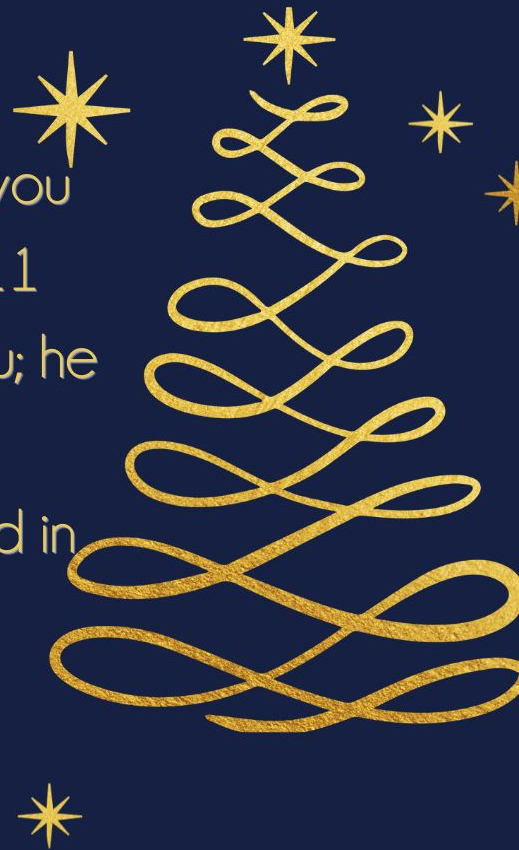


LUKE 2: 8-14

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”



A cluster of five golden, multi-pointed stars in the upper left corner, and another cluster of three similar stars in the upper right corner.

LUKE 2: 8-14

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”













Thankful

