



God's  
Christmas List

## KIDS

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- New Phone
- Video Games
- The Coolest New Toy
- A Puppy
- Two Front Teeth

## ADULTS

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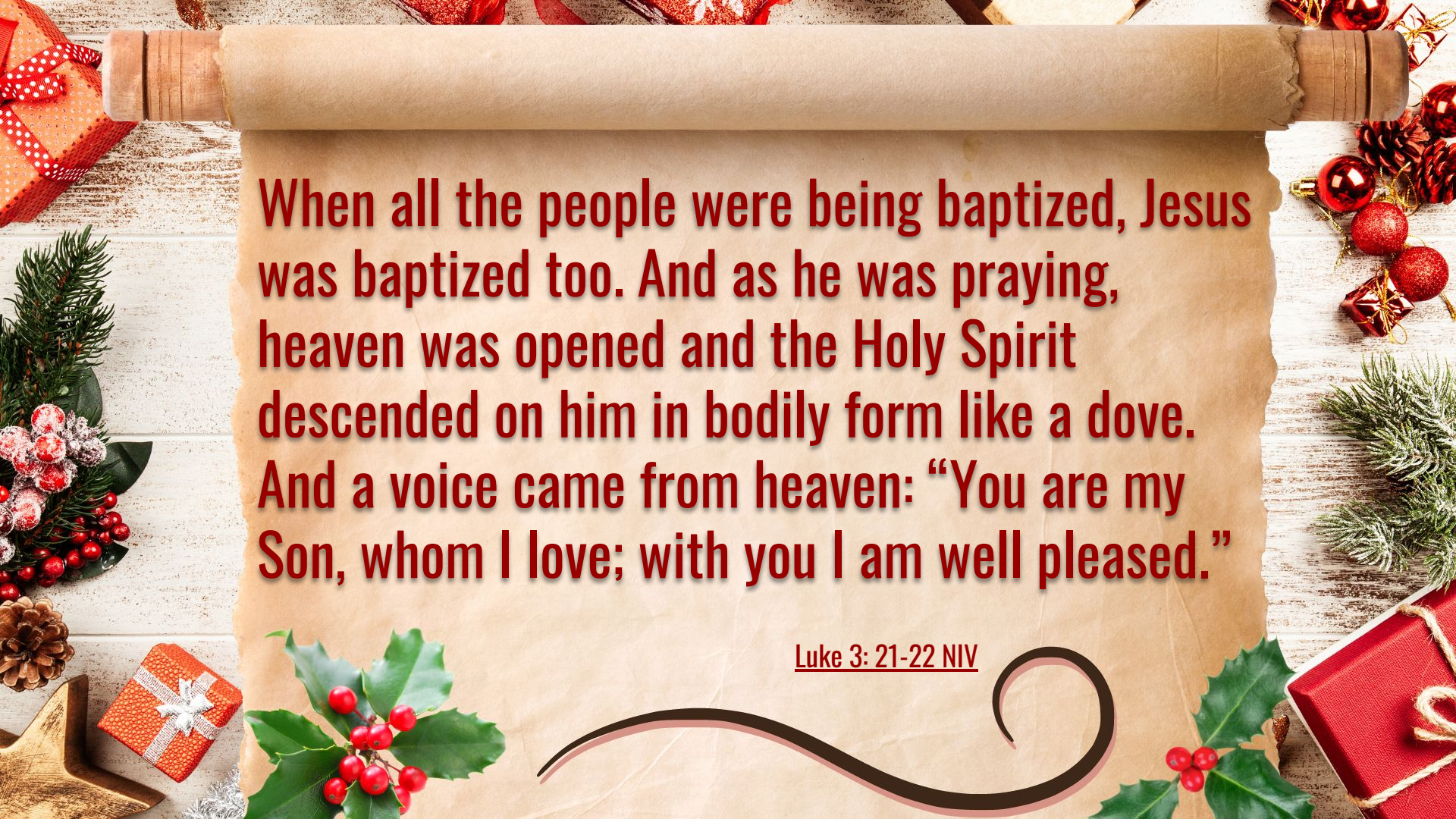
- Financial Security
- A Clean House
- Drama Free Friends
- A Puppy
- A Nap

## Main Point

God's family is a perfect family made up of imperfect people

Philippians 4:19 NIV



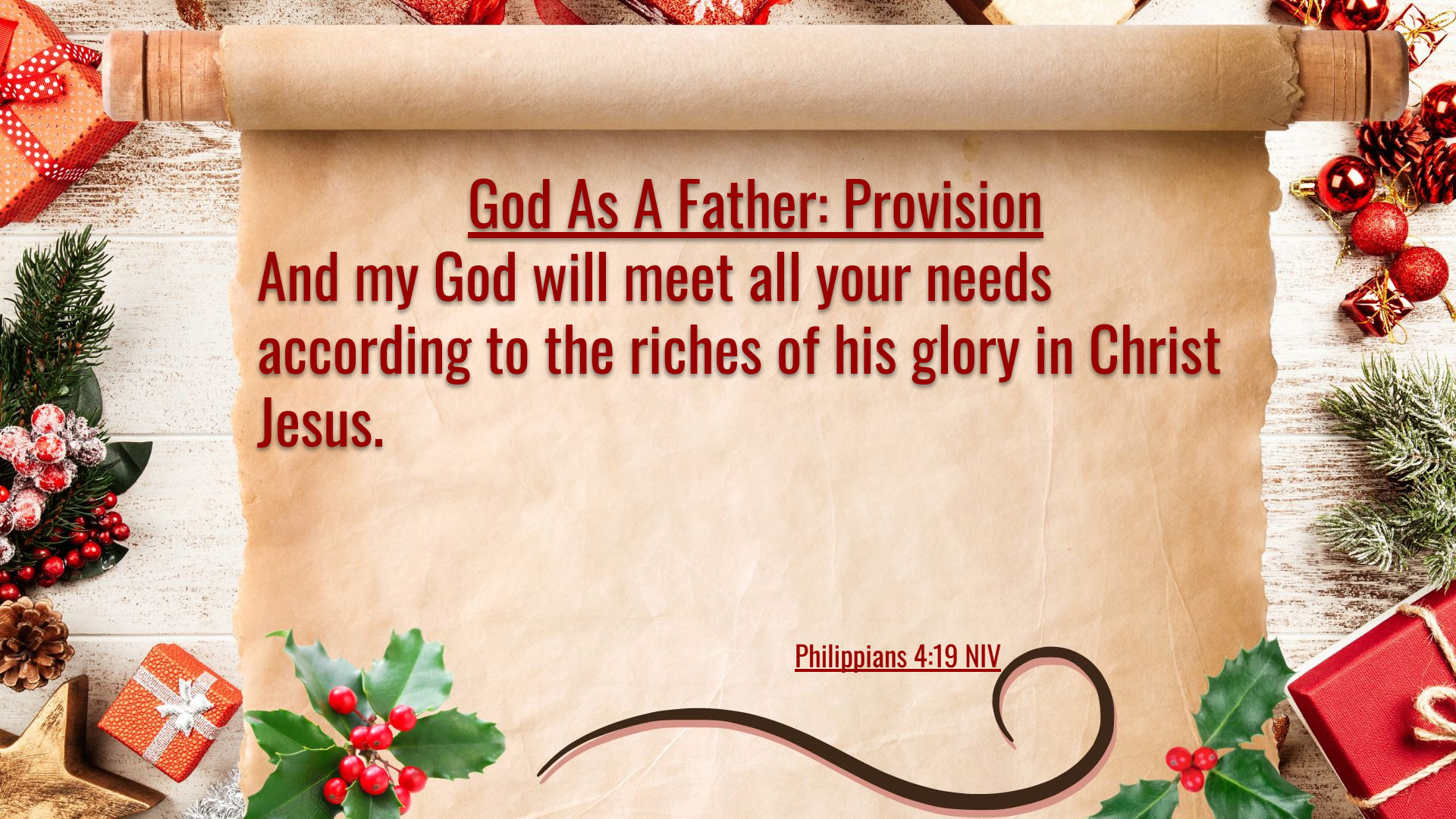
A scroll of parchment is unrolled across the top of the image. The parchment is light brown and has a slightly textured appearance. The text is written in a bold, dark red font. The background is a light-colored wooden surface. There are several Christmas decorations scattered around the scroll, including pine branches, red berries, pinecones, and small wrapped gifts. One gift is orange with a white polka-dot ribbon, and another is red with a white ribbon. There are also some holly leaves and berries at the bottom of the scroll.

**When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

Luke 3: 21-22 NIV

## Jesus' Baptism

- ❑ Starts Jesus' time in ministry
- ❑ Jesus identifies with those around Him
- ❑ Confirmed Jesus as God's Son



God As A Father: Provision  
And my God will meet all your needs  
according to the riches of his glory in Christ  
Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 NIV

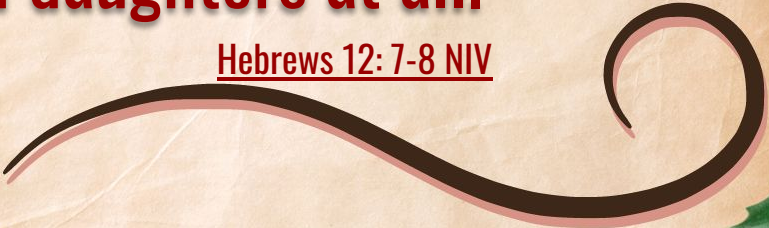
## God As A Father: Provision

- ❑ God always provides for our needs
- ❑ Takes on a variety of forms
- ❑ He's almost like a survival pack

## God As A Father: Discipline

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

Hebrews 12: 7-8 NIV






## God As A Father: Discipline

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

Hebrews 12: 9-10 NIV



## God As A Father: Discipline

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12: 11 NIV




## God As A Father: Discipline

- ❑ God's discipline comes from love
- ❑ Continuing to rely on God
- ❑ It's hard and takes time

## God As A Father: Access

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit

Ephesians 2: 17-18 NIV



## God As A Father: Access

- ❑ Brought to God's presence
- ❑ Never goes away
- ❑ This access brings peace

## God Wants You In His Family

- ❑ God's perfect family is made up of imperfect people
- ❑ David
- ❑ Rahab

## God Wants You In His Family

- ❑ We don't get cut from God's family
- ❑ God doesn't see you as a sum of your faults
- ❑ Your heart is what is important to God

## Closing

- ❑ God wants a family
  - ❑ Jesus connects us to God as the Father
  - ❑ God is the example of a good Father
  - ❑ Your heart makes you part of the family
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