God's Christmas List

Main Point

Make obedience to God an everyday tradition

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 NIV

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:19 NIV

Set Up The Story

- ★ Mary is betrothed to Joseph
- ★ Mary becomes pregnant
- ★ Joseph decides to divorce her quietly

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21 NIV

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:22-23 NIV

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:24-25 NIV

Joseph's Visit From The Angel

- ★ The baby is from the Holy Spirit
- ★ Gives the name Jesus
- ★ Gives the significance of this baby

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How Do We Obey God?

- ★ The teachings of Jesus
- ★ God’s direction for our lives

The Teachings of Jesus

- ★ Sermon on the Mount
- ★ Love God and love others

Love Others

- ★ See, Listen, Give
- ★ Those in need
- ★ Those that are crushing it

Love God

- ★ Spend all kinds of time with Him
- ★ Let yourself be immersed or saturated with Him

The Teachings of Jesus

- ★ Be like the lady finger in the tiramisu
- ★ Let God be all over your life and take on His flavor

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God's Direction For Our Lives

- ★ We all need direction
- ★ Listen for direction at every step

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Office Street
Main Ave
Bank Street
North Ave
Central Street
Jane Street
West Ave
East Ave
Hudson Street
Grand Street

God’s Direction For Our Lives

- ★ Let God be your turn by turn directions
- ★ God does a lot in the little turns and curves of life
- ★ Listen and obey the big destinations but also the small turns

Closing

- ★ Obey what God has for us
- ★ His teaching
- ★ His directions