

## Christmas Stories

### The Story of Jesus: The Most Remarkable Story Ever Told

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Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:15-17 NLT

He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead.

Revelation 1:13-17 NLT

#### Key Verse of the Day

God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8 NLT

#### The Most Remarkable Story Ever Told...

1. Reveals the full \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:26-33 NLT

- The name Son of the Most High reveals Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_.
- As Son of the Most High, Jesus is recognized as \_\_\_\_\_!

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- Jesus is King — \_\_\_\_\_ |

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice... for all eternity. Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT*

### **The Most Remarkable Story Ever Told...**

2. Unveils God's \_\_\_\_\_ among us.

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:23 NLT

#### **Jesus Moved In...**

• So that we can better \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. John 14:9-10 NLT*

Jesus helps us better understand God because Jesus is relatable since he was a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Jesus Moves In...**

• So that we can experience His presence \_\_\_\_\_.

*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NLT*

### **The Most Remarkable Story Ever Told...**

3. Discloses God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21 NLT*

• The name Jesus literally means \_\_\_\_\_.

*There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved. — Peter, Acts 4:12 NLT*

*God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8 NLT*

*...you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*  
*Matthew 1:21 NLT*

#### **The Bottom Line**

**The Most Remarkable Story Ever Written** was written for \_\_\_\_\_!