

CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONS

MEMORY PASSAGE - MATTHEW 1:18-25

- Day 1 - Matt. 1: 1-17
- Day 2 - Is. 7:14; Micah 5:2-3
- Day 3 - Matt. 1: 18-25
- Day 4 - Matt. 2: 1-6
- Day 5 - Matt. 2: 7-12, 16
- Day 6 - Luke 1: 5-12
- Day 7 - Luke 1: 13-23
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- Day 11 - Luke 2: 1-7
- Day 12 - Luke 2: 8-14
- Day 13 - Luke 2: 15-20
- Day 14 - Review – IQ Quiz

The Christmas holidays are a great opportunity to concentrate more on our precious Lord and what He has done for you. Even if you have heard this story many times, don't let it become old to you. Dive in with a desire to learn something brand new this year and apply what you learn to your heart. How will you put Christ in first place this Christmas?

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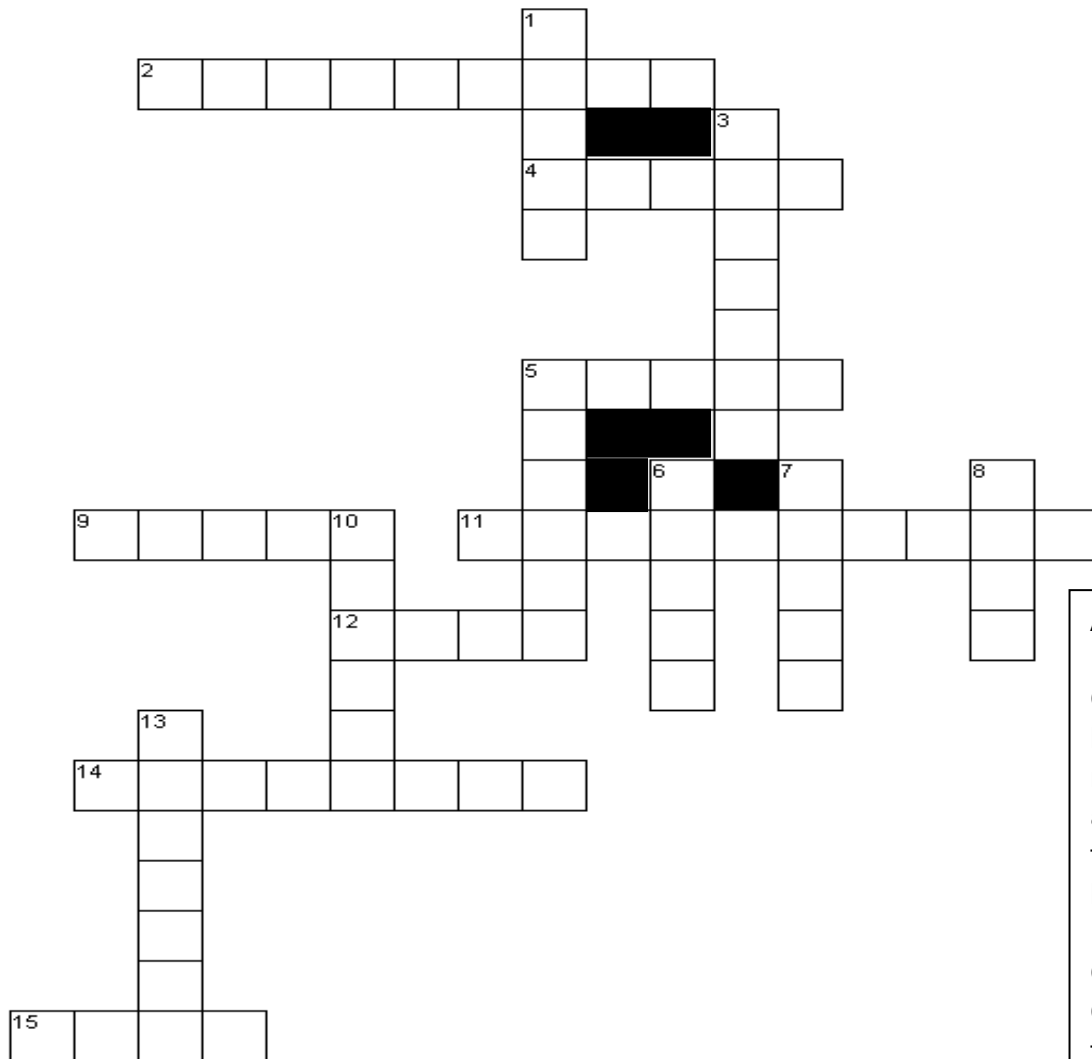
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Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

In The Line of Christ

READ - Matt. 1: 1-17

EXAMINE –



APPLY -

In the line of Christ there are harlots, murderers, adulterers, foreigners and all kinds of people. Even in the line of Christ we see his Grace! Be thankful today for his grace!

Across

- 2. Solomon's mother
- 4. Bathsheba WAS his wife
- 5. Isaac begat ____
- 9. Abraham begat ____
- 11. The book of the ____ of Jesus
- 12. Boaz begat Obed of ____
- 14. Generations from Abraham to David (#)
(Abraham is one, Isaac makes two, etc.)
- 15. David was a ____

Down

- 1. ____ Christ The son of David
- 3. Carried away to ____
- 5. The husband of Mary
- 6. Obed begat ____
- 7. Jesse begat ____
- 8. Salmon begat ____
- 10. Fourteen generations from Babylon to ____
- 13. David begat ____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Is. 7: 14; Micah 5: 2-3

EXAMINE –

Isaiah 7:14

1. What is the sign from the Lord? _____

2. Who will conceive? _____

3. Why is this unique? _____

4. What will his name be? _____

Micah 5:2-3

5. What city is mentioned here? _____

6. What size is this city? _____

7. What will this give us? _____

8. When will the remnant return? _____

APPLY -

Has Christ changed you? Write a short testimony of your salvation.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Matt 1: 18-25

EXAMINE -

1. This story is about what? _____
2. What does “espoused” mean? _____
3. Who was espoused to Mary? _____
4. Whose child was she carrying? _____
5. What word describes Joseph's character? _____
6. What did he not want to do? _____
7. What changed Joseph's mind? _____
8. What news did the angel bring him? _____
9. What will the child be named? _____
10. What does Emmanuel mean? _____
11. What verse did the angel quote in verse 23? _____
12. Did Joseph obey? _____
13. Would this have been hard to believe, if this were you? _____

14. Were Joseph and Mary physically involved before Jesus birth? _____

APPLY -

Would you be as obedient as Joseph was?

What can you improve on to be more like him?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Matt 2: 1-6

EXAMINE -

1. In what city was Joseph born? _____
2. What region was this located in Israel? _____
3. Who was ruling in Judea? _____
4. From where did the wise men come? _____
5. How did they know he had been born? _____
6. Why did they come? _____
7. What was the response from those in Jerusalem? _____
8. Who did Herod gather to get information? _____
9. What information did he want? _____
10. What verse did they quote as their answer? _____
11. What title is given Jesus in this passage? _____

APPLY -

They came to worship Him! Do you worship Him or do you just use Him?

Define Worship and write how you could change your devotions and life style to match it!

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Matt 2: 7-16

EXAMINE -

1. What information did he want from the wise men? _____
2. What did Herod **SAY** was the reason he wanted to know about Christ? _____

3. According to verse 16, what did he really want? _____
4. How were they guided to the place where Jesus was? _____
5. What was their response to the star? _____
6. Was Jesus a baby (vs.11) when they saw Him? _____
7. What did they do when they saw Him? _____
8. What were the three items they gave to Jesus' family? _____

9. Who told them not to return to Herod? _____
10. For what do you think Joseph used the money? _____
11. Why did he go to Egypt? _____

APPLY -

Joseph and the Wise men give us a good picture of instant obedience. This made a difference. How would your obedience be?

God asked you to obey now, just in different circumstances. How are you obeying properly? Does your obedience affect others?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 1: 5-12

EXAMINE -

1. Who is this story about? _____

2. Because he is a priest and she is from Aaron, we know they are from what tribe? _____

3. What 3 things in vs. 6 does God tell us about them? _____

4. How old were they? _____ Did they have children? _____

5. What was his job this particular time? _____

6. Who appeared to him? _____

* The right side of the altar was always reserved for God.

7. Why do you think he was scared? _____

APPLY -

If God appeared before you today, what would be your response?

Would you have to change something?

What?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 1: 13-23

EXAMINE -

1. What news did the angel give Zacharias? _____
2. What was to be the son's name? _____
3. The parents had what two things? _____
4. What are the characteristics of John in vs. 15? _____
5. John's ministry will be what? _____
6. Did Zacharias believe the angel? _____
7. What was the angel's name? _____
8. What was Zacharias' punishment for not believing? _____
9. Why were the people concerned who were outside? _____
10. What did the people "perceive"? _____

APPLY -

When God says something, do you believe him or question him?

What can you do to improve in this area of your life?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 1: 24-33

EXAMINE -

1. Did Elizabeth conceive? _____

2. How long did she hide herself? _____

3. What was the angel's name that delivered the message to Mary? _____

4. In what city did Mary live? _____

5. In what region of Israel was this? _____

6. Joseph was from whose "house"? _____

7. What month of pregnancy was Elizabeth in when the message came? _____

8. What 3 things did the angel say to Mary? _____

9. If someone, especially an angel, greeted you this way, would you think it was strange?

10. What had Mary found with God? _____

11. What message did the angel tell Mary (vs. 31)? _____

12. Summarize the things the angel told Mary about this Son? _____

APPLY -

Every Jewish girl wished to be the Messiah's mother. Are you highly favored with the Lord?

How can you improve your relationship with the Lord today?

Ask Him and then be still. He will show you.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 1: 34-40

EXAMINE -

1. Under normal circumstances was the question Mary asked normal? _____
2. How would Mary get pregnant? _____
3. Would her son be Holy? _____
4. If he had an earthly father would he have been Holy? _____
5. What other news did the angel tell Mary? (vs. 36) _____
6. What was Mary's response to all of this? _____
7. What was the next recorded act of Mary? _____
8. Define Saluted (in this setting). _____

APPLY -

Mary submitted to the will of God by having Jesus. Have you submitted to God's will?

Would you do whatever he wants? This would be the greatest gift you could give Him.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 1: 41-45

EXAMINE -

1. What was the response of the babe in Elizabeth's womb when Mary told her the news?

2. What happened to Elizabeth? _____

3. Who was in Elizabeth's womb? (vs. 60) _____

4. What two people did Elizabeth bless? _____

5. How did Elizabeth know that Mary was carrying God in the flesh? _____

6. According to vs. 44, was the movement of the baby normal or something specific? _____

7. According to vs. 45, did Mary's belief have anything to do with the performance?

APPLY -

Everyone seems to be excited about the birth of the Messiah.

Are you excited today about his birth or is your focus on your presents and the activities of the Christmas season?

Ask God to give you an excitement for the real "Reason for the Season"?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 2: 1-7

EXAMINE -

1. What happened in those days? _____

2. Who made the taxing? _____

3. When was the taxing first made? _____

4. Where did people have to go to be taxed? _____

* The words "own city" gives the idea of the place of ones birth!

5. Where did Joseph go for taxing? _____
Why? _____

6. Who went with him? _____

7. How far along was Mary? _____

8. What happened while they were in Bethlehem? _____

9. What did she have? _____

10. In what did she wrap him? _____

11. What did this picture? _____

(If you don't know, ask your mentor, pastor, or Bible teacher)

12. Where did she lay him? _____ Why? _____

APPLY -

There was no room for Jesus! Do you have room for him today?
Is it your best or just "the stable out back?"

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 2: 8-14

EXAMINE -

1. Who was in this same country? _____

2. What were they doing? _____

3. What happened to the shepherds? _____

4. What was their first response? _____

5. What did the Angel do first? _____

6. What message did the angel bring? _____

7. What sign were they given to know this? _____

8. What happened next? _____

9. What did the angels say? _____

APPLY -

Have you praised God lately?

Was there any question as to whom the Angels were praising?

Do you have a testimony of praise to the Lord?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

READ - Luke 2: 15-20

EXAMINE -

1. Where did the Angels go? _____

2. Who did the shepherds say had shown them these things? _____

3. Now that they knew, what did they plan to do? _____

4. How quickly did they respond? _____

5. What did they find? _____

6. What did they do after they saw Him? _____

7. How did others respond to the news? _____

8. How did Mary respond to these things? _____

9. How did the shepherds return to their fields? _____

APPLY -

When God reveals something to you, how quickly do you respond?

What blessings could you be missing by not responding quickly?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Memory Verse - Matt. 1: 18-25

Review - Christmas I.Q. Test (Don't cheat!)

1. As long as Christmas has been celebrated, it has been on December 25.

- a) True b) False

2. Joseph was from:

- a) Bethlehem b) Jerusalem
c) Nazareth d) Egypt
e) Minnesota f) none of the above

3. When Joseph & Mary found out that Mary was pregnant with Jesus, what happened?

- a) They got married
b) Joseph wanted to break up the engagement
c) Mary left town for three months
d) an angel told them to go to Bethlehem
e) Both A and D
f) Both B and C
g) A, B, C, and D

4. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?

- a) camel b) donkey
c) walked d) Volkswagen
e) Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey
f) who knows?

5. Mary & Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant.

- a) True b) False

6. Mary & Joseph were married when Jesus was born:

- a) True b) False

7. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?

- a) the angel b) Mary's mother
c) Herod d) Caesar Augustus
e) no one f) Alexander the Great

8. What did the innkeeper tell Joseph?

- a) Come back after the Christmas rush and I should have some vacancies.
b) I have a stable you can use.
c) There is no room in the inn.
d) Both B and C
e) None of these

9. Jesus was delivered in a:

- a) stable b) manger
c) cave d) barn
e) unknown

10. A manger is a:

- a) stable for domestic animals
b) wooden hay storage bin
c) feeding trough
d) barn

11. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?

- a) cows, sheep, goats
b) cows, donkeys, sheep
c) sheep and goats only
d) miscellaneous barnyard animals
e) lions, tigers, elephants
f) none of these

12. There was snow that first Christmas:

- a) only in Bethlehem
b) all over Israel
c) nowhere in Israel
d) somewhere in Israel
e) Mary and Joseph only "dreamed" of a white Christmas

13. Who saw the "star in the east"?

- a) shepherds b) Mary and Joseph
c) three kings d) Both A and C
e) none of these

14. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?

- a) one b) two
- c) a "multitude" d) none of the above

15. What "sign" did the angels tell the shepherds to look for?

- a) "This way to the baby Jesus"
- b) a star over Bethlehem
- c) a baby that doesn't cry
- d) a house with a Christmas tree
- e) a baby in a stable
- f) none of the above

16. What did the angels say?

- a) "Joy to the world, the Lord is come"
- b) "Alleluia"
- c) "Glory to God in the highest"
- d) "Glory to God, the Newborn King"
- e) "My Sweet Lord"
- f) "Unto us a child is born, ... a son is given"

17. What is the heavenly host?

- a) angel at the gate of heaven
- b) angel who invites people to heaven
- c) angel who serves refreshments in heaven
- d) an angel choir
- e) an angel army
- f) none of the above

18. The baby Jesus cried:

- a) When the doctor slapped Him
- b) just like other babies cry
- c) when the little drummer boy started beating his drum
- d) He never cried

19. What does "wise men" refer to?

- a) educated men b) eastern kings
- c) astrologers d) "sages"
- e) men smart enough to follow the star

20. How many wise men came to see Jesus?

- a) 1 b) 2
- c) 3 d) Unknown

21. What is "frankincense"?

- a) a precious metal
- b) a precious fabric
- c) a precious perfume
- d) an eastern monster
- e) none of these

22. What is "myrrh"?

- a) an easily shaped metal
- b) a spice used for burying people
- c) a drink
- d) after-shave lotion
- e) none of these

23. The wise men found Jesus in a:

- a) manger b) stable
- c) house d) Holiday Inn
- e) good mood

24. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem:

- a) to inform Herod about Jesus
- b) to find out where Jesus was
- c) to ask about the star they saw
- d) for gas
- e) to buy presents for Jesus

25. Where do we find the Christmas story to check all these ridiculous questions?

- a) Matthew b) Mark
- c) Luke d) John
- e) All of the above f) only A and B
- g) Only A and C h) Only A, B, and C
- i) Only X, Y, and Z j) Aesop's Fables

26. Joseph took the baby Jesus to Egypt:

- a) to show Him the pyramids
- b) to teach Him the wisdom of the Pharaohs
- c) to put Him in a basket in the reeds by the river
- d) because he dreamed about it
- e) to be taxed
- f) Joseph did not take Jesus to Egypt

Don't cheat, but check your answers on the back when you're done.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

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These ideas for you to keep Jesus first this Christmas are missing spaces. Figure out the phrase then find it above. You will reveal the letters of a hidden message.

CREATEYOUROWNMANGERSCENE
ISJESUSFIRSTINYOURCHRISTMAS
DIDYOUGETHIMAPRESENT
INVITEFRIENDSTOCHURCH
DONTBEGREEDY
MAKEJESUSABIRTHDAYCAKE
DONTMISSADAYOFDEVOSALLVACATION
MAKEUPASKITTOSHOWCHRISTMASTRUTH
GIVEGIFTSTONEIGHBORS
OBEYWHATYOUALREADYKNOW

GIVELOTSOFLOVEANDJOY
SPENDEXTRATIMEWITHGOD
GIVESPECIALGIFTSTOYOURFAMILY
SURRENDERYOURHEART
GODDOESNTWANTTOBEFORGOTTEN
WATCHYOURATTITUDE
HANDOUTTRACTS
YOUCOULDGIVEHIMSOMEMONEY
YOUCOULDMEMORIZEABIGPASSAGE

Hidden Message:

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Answers to Christmas IQ Quiz

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