

Christmas – Lesson Workbook

The Incarnation

John 1:1-14

1. Do you think of this passage as a typical Christmas passage? Why or why not?

2. How would you summarize this passage?

John 1:1-5

1. John uses the title "Word," but who is he referencing?

2. What evidence do we have that this "Word" is divine?

3. What will never overcome this Word and the light He brings?

4. How does it make you feel to think that God, being this powerful, would come to us in the form of a child?

John 1:6-8

1. Who is John referencing in this section?

2. What is John the Baptist's role?

John 1:9-14

1. According to verse 9, who was coming into the world and what did He do?

2. Though He made the world, why don't you think the world recognized Him? Why didn't they "receive Him," as verse 11 says?

3. What was rewarded to those who did receive Him?

4. When John says, "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us," do you think of the nativity scene? Do you think of a heavenly scene? Do you think of something else?

5. Verse 14 says that "We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." Is there any doubt after that statement that John is referring to the birth of Jesus?

Colossians 1:15-19

1. According to this passage, what does the Son share a responsibility in?

2. In addition to creating, what active role does the Son hold in creation?

3. Was the Son — that is, Jesus — only partly God, according to this passage?

John 2:1-12

1. Where is this story set?

2. What type of people are present?

3. What does Jesus do among them?

4. What point is He making in this instance?

5. How do you think Jesus has changed your community?

John 2:13-25

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2. What type of people are present?

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4. What point is He making in this instance?

5. How do you think Jesus has changed your community?

Exodus 40:34-35

1. What does the cloud in this passage represent?

2. What does the cloud fill?

3. Where was this tabernacle?

Homework

- Memorize John 1:14
- Meditate on the cosmic significance of the incarnation and how it relates to the Christmas story.