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**“The good news of great joy changed
the course of every silent night to come.”**
[Alicia Bruxvoort]

CHRISTMASTIDE DEVOTIONALS

Christmastide begins Christmas Eve at sunset (the end of Advent) and lasts for 12 days, ending on the 5th of January. [HERE](#) are devotions, activities, and Scriptures for Christmastide, starting on Christmas day. To access the rest of the days, simply hover over the heading that says “Twelve Tide Days”. We hope you’ll try these out!

ICEBREAKER

What is a tradition that you, your friends, and/or your family enjoy doing around New Year’s Day?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*“But as for me, God’s presence is my good. I have made
the Lord God my refuge, so I can tell about all you do.”*
[Psalm 73:28]

MAIN POINT

There is no more important issue in life than seeing Jesus for who he really is and treasuring Him above all else.

PASSAGES

- John 1:1-18

DISCUSSION!

1. What does v. 1 reveal about the nature of Jesus?
2. How does the concept of the "Word" in v. 1 connect with creation?
3. How does v. 3 emphasize Jesus' role in creation?
4. How does John v. 5 shed light on the relationship between Jesus and darkness?
5. How does v. 9-13 describe the reception of Jesus by the world?
6. In what ways does v. 12-13 describe the process of becoming children of God?

7. What does John v. 14 mean when it says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"?
8. What does v. 14 teach us about the nature of God's dwelling among us?
9. How does v. 16 convey the concept of grace?
10. How can we apply the truths of this passage in our daily lives and relationship with Jesus?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE

There is no more important issue in life than seeing Jesus for who he really is and treasuring Him above all else. *What is a step of obedience that you can take to live out this passage?*

PRAYER FOCUS

Advent – Joy and Love!

- As we celebrate this Christmas season, let's pray for those in our communities who are hurting, and who need to experience true joy through knowing Jesus.
- Let's pray for one another to demonstrate the love of Jesus as we interact with loved ones and friends who might not be connected to life in Christ.

Optional Closing Prayer

God, grant us
the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.