Greatest Gift

# Great Gifts Come With Great Stories...

The Christmas Story teaches us about the greatest gift.

Unexpected Meaningful

Rareable

Practical

### Jesus is the Greatest Gift! unique

Something is unique if it has a combination of features or qualities that make it distinct from other things...

Jesus Is One-Of-A-Kind!

"The Lord himself will give you a sign.
Look! The virgin will conceive a child!
She will give birth to a son and will call him
Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')."

- Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:26-38 | 2:1-7

The significance of Christmas lies beyond the stable in Bethlehem as God's plan of salvation is revealed throughout Jesus' life and ministry... even today, as our faith encounters the yet-to-be-discovered.

#### Jesus Is THE Messiah

He came to re-establish God's rule on earth.

The (Samaritan) woman said,
"I know the Messiah is coming – the one
who is called Christ. When he comes,
he will explain everything to us."
Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"

- John 4:25-26

#### Jesus Is THE Lord

He is the authority under which we live life.

But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life.

- 1 Corinthians 8:6

#### Jesus Is THE Savior

He restores our relationship with God.

Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

- Acts 4:11-12

## Christmas reminds us that the greatest gifts are...

Inique

### Jesus is the greatest unique gift because there can be no others, no acceptable alternatives.

I believe Jesus is the one and only Messiah, Lord, and Savior, but the most important Christmas question is...

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

#### IF YES...

Christmas represents a promise fulfilled, grace extended, and salvation assured.

#### IF NO...

Christmas is relegated to just another festive season with friends and family.

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

- Philippians 2:6-11

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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