CHRISTMAS FOR THE KING'S CHILDREN

The Creator of Heaven and Earth, The Lord of Lords and King of Kings has made Himself our Heavenly Father, *Abba Father*, for those who choose to receive His Son as Savior. John 1:12 says: *Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.—NIV*

In this Christmas lesson we will be celebrating the risen Christ and "opening up" the gifts we have been given through Him. Let's imagine ourselves sitting at His feet and receiving gift after gift as He calls out our name and places His perfect presents into our waiting arms.

Let's pray before we begin.

Dear Lord, Our finite minds can never understand what an infinite, awesome God you are. You created everything that is. You created humankind to lavish Your love upon and when we chose to sin instead of living in obedience to You, You sent us a Savior! Help us, Lord, through the study of Your Word to know You better and to truly accept Your gift into our hearts. Help us to live in a way that is pleasing to You.

In the wonderful name of Jesus, Amen.

Now let's start opening our gifts! I believe that the best gifts are from the ones that really know me and love me. No one knows us better than our Lord and no one could love us more. The first gift we are going to open is our Bible. This is God's Word to us. **The Creator of all things has put His words on paper so that we might know Him!** From the history of humankind in the Old Testament, to the revelation of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, He is telling us who He is and how He cares for us. If we choose to listen, we can hear the words of God. The Bible, His Word, is a present that we can open every day if we choose to do so.

1. What is your response to someone who picks sections from the Bible as believable and relevant to their lives but discounts other Scripture as the writer's opinion? Please read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

As we open His Word, we find a multitude of gifts. He blesses us as only the perfect Father can.

2. John 3:16-17 tells us of the immeasurable love of our God. Please read these verses and write out what they mean to you.

3.	What are the gifts we are given in Ephesians 1:7-8?		
4.	Why are these gifts necessary? (For more help read Romans 3:23 and 1 John 1:8-10)		
5.	Describe how the following verses minister to your heart. a. Hebrews 4:15-16		
	b. Romans 8:13-15		
6.	The gift of the Holy Spirit is so amazing! Please respond to the following Scriptures. a. Luke 11:13		
	b. Luke 12:11-12		
	c. John 14:15-17		
	d. John 14:26		
	e. Romans 8:9-11		

7.	Galatia Spirit.	ans 5:22-23 tells us about a whole package of gifts that we receive through the	
	a.	What are these gifts?	
	b.	Which of these do you need to claim as the emotions and stresses of the "Holiday Season" threaten to steal Christmas? Explain.	
	c.	How are you better equipped to handle Christmas and day-to-day life as you think of the vast gifts we possess as Christians?	
8.		al Question: As you reflect on these incredible gifts, do you feel content? r why not?	
9.	unimag Holy S comple	think about how abundantly our Heavenly Father has blessed us, what an ginable sacrifice Christ made for us, and all of the benefits we receive from the pirit, we might ask "What gift can I give in return?" We can give ourselves etely to Him. We were made by Him and for Him—Nothing else will satisfy the g of our hearts. In what way(s) do you need to give yourself more completely to	

10. Luke 1:26-56 and Luke 2:1-20 tell the "Christmas Story". It might have become so familiar to us that we miss how incredible the gift of Jesus' birth is. Please read these passages and note the new truths that stand out to you or what strikes your heart anew.
11. Personal. How do you want to respond to our Lord as He so abundantly blesses your life? As the perfect Father, He delights in seeing us enjoy these wonderful gifts and He delights in our praises. Please use this space to thank and praise the One who loves you perfectly.
12. We've barely scratched the surface of all our God has for us. The Bible is full of
promises, hope, wisdom and more gifts than we can take in! God's gifts and promises are unique in that the more we embrace them, claim them, and use them, the more we have! For instance when love overflows from us, it spreads to the world around us. We are light to a dark world. How will you use the gifts that you've been given to bless those around you this Christmas and in the New Year?
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