

**GOD IS  
LORD AND KING  
Christmas  
Term 4  
Year 5**

**Thinking Skills Lord & King Yr 5**

<p><b>Christmas 1</b> <b>The message:</b> <b>God's gift is for everyone!</b></p> <p>Brainstorm 10 ways of giving God's gift to others.</p>	<p><b>Christmas 2</b> <b>Christmas is a holiday and a holy day.</b></p> <p>List 3 situations where this is true, and 3 situations where this is false.</p>
<p><b>Christmas 3</b></p> <p>Imagine if Jesus Christ have never been born.</p> <p>How would world history have been different?</p>	<p><b>Christmas 4</b></p> <p>How many ways could you send a Christmas message to a friend in America?</p> <p>List as many different ways as you can think of.</p>
<p><b>Christmas 5</b></p> <p>Too many Christmas presents are unwanted and are not used.</p> <p>Brainstorm some solutions for this.</p>	<p><b>Christmas 6</b></p> <p>The answer is: <b>"Christmas".</b></p> <p>Make up 5 questions.</p>

## **The Christmas Gifts**

It was two weeks before Christmas. Stephen emptied his money-box and counted his money. Only five dollars. That wouldn't buy much at all. He needed money to buy presents for his Mum, Dad, little sister, and his grandparents.

All the next week Stephen worked as hard as he could to earn some extra money. He raked the grass, washed the car, washed dishes, minded his little sister and swept the floor. Each job earned him another twenty cents.

At the end of the week, he tried to think of suitable gifts for each family member. He still didn't have enough to buy all the things he wanted. Stephen decided that instead of buying all his presents, he would make some. For Grandma and Grandpa, he made some coconut biscuits and for his little sister he made a hand puppet, (with a bit of help from Mum.) That left enough money to buy some earrings for Mum and some chocolate for Dad.

Luke came from a wealthy family. He didn't have to earn money. Dad gave him \$2 every week. Luke had saved some of his pocket money, but most of it he had spent on himself. He emptied his money box...only four dollars.

"Dad," said Luke. "Can I have some money to buy Christmas presents?"

"Sure, son," said his father. "How much do you need?"

"About \$50," said Luke.

Dad opened his wallet and gave Luke the money. The next day Luke went to the shops and bought Christmas presents for his family.

### **Discussion**

Which boy was most sacrificial in his giving? Why?

### **Bible research**

Discuss the use of sacrifices in the Old Testament.

Why could only the best animal or produce be offered?

God does not expect these kinds of sacrifices any more. In Old Testament times sacrifices had to be made as a way of saying 'sorry' for sin. However, when Jesus died on the cross, that all changed. Why? (Hebrews 7:27; Hebrews 10:1 & 10)

What sacrifices did Jesus make throughout his life-time?

EXAMPLES...gave up a comfortable home; secure job; spending time with family; His reputation; His life

In the Bible, many of the followers of Jesus made sacrifices too. Stephen was one who died for Jesus. Serving God is not always easy. What sacrifices do people make today in order to serve God?

## The Saviour's Birth – A Nativity Play

**Narrator:** Christmas fills our hearts with joy as we think of gifts, lights, and holiday spirit. But remember, Christmas means something more, it's the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let us travel back to Bethlehem and share the story of His birth.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... So Joseph went from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, to Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem... with Mary who was soon to give birth. (Luke 2:1-5)

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem with their donkey, arriving at an inn.

**Joseph:** Do you have any room in the inn?

**Inn Keeper #1:** No, I'm sorry we are full. Try across the way.

*Joseph leads Mary to the next inn and knocks.*

**Joseph:** Please, do you have any room for us in your inn?

**Inn Keeper #2:** We have too many guests already, we have no room.

*Joseph leads Mary to the third inn and knocks.*

**Joseph:** Do you have any room for us in your inn? We have come a long way and my wife is with child.

**Inn Keeper #3:** All of our rooms are full. I have an empty stable out back you may use, it's not much, but it will give you some shelter.

**Mary:** Joseph, the baby will be coming soon, let's please go to the stable.

**Inn Keeper #3:** *shows Joseph and Mary the way.*

*Song "Silent night"*

**Narrator:** And while they were there, Mary gave birth to a son, her firstborn, and wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7)

*Mary lays Him in His manger.*

*Song "Away in a Manger"*

*Shepherds enter the scene.*

**Narrator:** In the same country, there were some shepherds in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord came to them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were very afraid. (Luke 2:8-9)

**Angel:** Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born today in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign: You shall find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger. (Luke 2:10-12)

**Narrator:** And suddenly there was a whole host of angels praising God, and saying... (Luke 2: 13)

**Narrator & Angel in Unison:** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14)

**Shepherds:** Let us now go now to Bethlehem, and see the newborn King. (Luke 2:15)

*Shepherds quickly head to the manger.*

**Narrator:** And they came quickly to the town, and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they had seen the baby, they told everyone they knew about what had happened. (Luke 2:16-20, Matt 2:1)

## **ONE YEAR LATER**

*Wise Men enter the scene bringing their gifts. Speaking to Herod:*

**Wise Man 1:** Where is the baby who has been born King of the Jews?

**Wise man 2:** For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him.

**Herod:** When you find him, please let me know where he is, so that I may worship him too.

**Narrator:** The Wise Men followed the Star and arrived at the house where Mary and Joseph were now living. There they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him, and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matt 2:11)

*Each Wise Men presents his gift to baby Jesus.*

**Narrator:** God showed the wise men in a dream not to return to Herod. So, they travelled back to their own country by a different route.

## **THE END**

*Song: Joy to the world*