



■ Series Title: Christmas at the Movies

Series Description:

🎬 CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES — Coming This December!

This December, join us for a fun and meaningful Christmas series as we look for the Gospel in some of the most beloved Christmas movies of all time.

From the Grinch's heart transformation to Kevin's adventures in Home Alone, from George Bailey's search for purpose to Ralphie's unforgettable Christmas morning — each story points us to the greater Story of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES — WEEK 3

WEEK 4 — The Story of a Father

A Christmas Story

Advent Theme: Hope / Joy (either works here thematically)

Introduction

A Christmas Story is often remembered for a BB gun, childhood nostalgia, and unforgettable scenes. But beneath the humor and longing for the “perfect gift” is a deeper story — the story of a father who knows how to give good gifts to his children. Much like Luke’s Gospel, this story ultimately points us beyond the gift to the heart of the Father.

Main Idea

Christmas is not about the gift — it’s about the Father who gives.

Key Scriptures

- Luke 2:30; 3:6; 5:26; 7:22
- Luke 10:21–24
- Luke 11:9–13
- Galatians 4:4–7
- Matthew 7:11

Supporting Points

1. Jesus Reveals the Father, Not Just the Miracle

Throughout Luke's Gospel, people repeatedly say, "We have seen."

The miracles weren't the destination — they were signposts pointing to the Father's goodness and love.

2. Jesus Points to the Giver, not the gift.

Ralphie fixates on the BB gun as the "Holy Grail," yet the greater joy comes from the father who provides it.

Jesus teaches us to seek the Father, trusting that He knows what we truly need.

3. Don't Be Afraid to Ask the Father

Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and knock.

God is not distant or annoyed — He delights in hearing His children come to Him.

4. The Father has the Answer

The Old Man's joy is found not in the gift itself, but in seeing his child receive it.

In the same way, God sent His Son at just the right time to adopt us into His family.

Conclusion

A Christmas Story ends not with a toy, but with a family gathered together.

Christmas ultimately reminds us that the greatest gift isn't found under the tree — it's found in knowing the Father who gave His Son for us.

 Christmas is not about what's under the tree — it's about the Father who put it there.