

# BORN: 2016 Christmas Series

## Luke 2:11

*Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes*

**Before we get started, let's find out what our Calvary Kids enjoy the most about it:**

- What's the **yummiest food to eat** at Christmas time?
- What's your **favorite thing your family does** during Christmas?
- What's the **worst/funniest Christmas present** you've ever received?
- What's the **best gift you've ever received** during Christmas?

### **TODAY'S BIBLE TEXT:**

**Luke 2:4-11 NLT** - *"..because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"*

### **TODAY'S STORY:**

"I love Christmas!" declared Kristi as she played a game with her friend Allison. "Did you see that huge tree in the mall? It went all the way up to the ceiling! And I love the lights everywhere, and parties-and presents! I think I'm getting that new video game I told you about."

"My grandma's giving me a doll," said Allison, "and I want a scooter. I think Christmas is the very best time of the whole year! I hope I get lots of stuff."

Mom glanced up from the book she was reading and smiled at the girls. "Sounds like you two are forgetting what Christmas really means," she said.

Kristi frowned and tugged at Allison's sleeve. "Come on," said Kristi. "Let's go to my room and play with my dollhouse."

The next afternoon, Kristi and her mother went to a birthday party for Kristi's three-year-old cousin Joey. When they got there, most of her cousins were playing in the basement rec room-but there was no sign of Joey.

"Where's the birthday boy?" asked Kristi, who was very fond of her tiny cousin. "I want him to see the present I brought for him. I wrapped it myself!"

Aunt Pat laughed. "He's fast asleep in his room," she said. "He was so excited about the party that he woke up really early this morning. But right after lunch, he fell asleep on the floor. I'll get him up pretty soon."

"I don't think it's right for everybody to have fun without Joey," Kristi told her mother when her aunt went to the kitchen. "It's his birthday party, and no one's even thinking about him!"

"Hm-m-m. Well, before you get too upset at the kids here, let me ask you something," said Mom. "Remember your conversation with Allison yesterday?"

"You mean about Christmas presents and stuff?" asked Kristi.

"Yes," Mom replied. "You girls talked about all the fun you'd be having this Christmas. You said you love parties, presents, and all the decorations. You didn't mention a word about Jesus, whose birthday you should be remembering."

"Well, I . . . I . . ." stammered Kristi.

"It's okay to have fun," said Mom. "Christmas is a celebration, but let's always be sure to include Jesus when we celebrate His birthday."

## "HOW ABOUT YOU KIDS?"

Do you enjoy Christmas parties, cookies, gifts, family dinners, and other types of Christmas fun? That's fine, but make sure you **don't forget that Jesus is the One whose birthday is celebrated** at Christmas. Put Him at the top of the list during Christmas time!!

### **Honor Jesus and give Him a special gift this Christmas season by doing 3 things:**

- Honor Jesus **by SHARING** the Christmas story with others!
- Honor Jesus **by SERVING** people with the love of God!
- Honor Jesus **by SINGING** His praises during this Christmas season!

**TODAY'S KEY VERSE:** **Luke 2:11** - "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

**TODAY'S KEY THOUGHT:** Don't leave CHRIST out of CHRISTMAS, because all you'll have left is a MESS!