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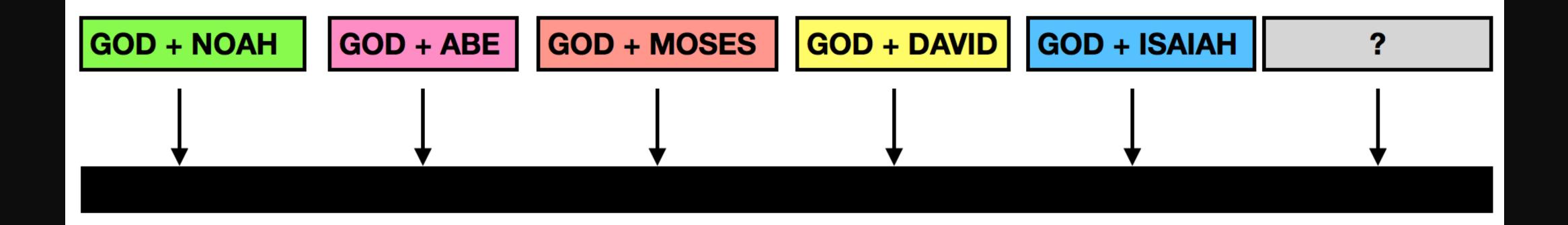


THE MIRACLE OF THE GOOD NEWS

GOOD NEWS: I DONT NEED YOU, BUT I WANT YOU.

MAKING THE GOOD NEWS CENTRAL TO OUR CHRISTMAS

GOOD NEWS TIMELINE



Luke 2:8-10 NIV

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Luke 2: 11-12 NIV

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Luke 2: 13-15 NIV

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

CHANGE WHAT WE FOCUS ON

Luke 2: 16-18 NIV

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

CHANGE WHAT WE ARE FOLLOWING

Luke 2:19-20 NIV

19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

EMBRACE THE GOOD NEWS AS A FAMILY THIS WEEK

1. READ THE STORY TOGETHER OF MATTHEW 2. REFLECT ON THE GOOD NEWS TOGETHER 3. RESPOND BY ONE NEW GIVING TRADITION