

The Arrival—4

Feeling Unworthy of God's Love

Christmas is a love story about a Father and a Son.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given ...

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son ...

Galatians 4:4 NIV

Christmas is a love story about a mother and a Son.

"[Mary] will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 NIV

... "This child ... has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.³⁵ ... And a sword will pierce your very soul."

Luke 2:34-35 NLT

Christmas is a love story about the Son and us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17 NIV

... Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder" ... Mark 3:17 NLT

... "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" Luke 9:54 NIV

The One Jesus Loved

- *One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved ... John 13:23 NIV*
- *... the disciple whom [Jesus] loved ... John 19:26 NIV*
- *... the other disciple, the one Jesus loved ... John 20:2 NIV*
- *Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter ... John 21:7 NIV*
- *Peter ... saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved ... John 21:20 NIV*

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:10 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **John 3:16-17** and **1 John 4:10**. What thoughts or feelings do you have when you hear the word “love”? How do these verses impact your understanding?

Share about a time when you felt God’s love for you. What was that like, and how did that grow your relationship with Him?

How easy or difficult is it for you to receive Jesus’ love? How can you intentionally focus on Him this Christmas?