



A Charlie Brown Christmas

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“A Charlie Brown Christmas” has been a holiday classic since 1965. The show’s appeal rests on two universal themes. One, at some time everyone has felt like Charlie Brown. And, two, everyone has asked the question “Does anyone know what Christmas is all about?”

- 1. Have you ever asked the question ‘what is Christmas really all about?’**
- 2. How would you answer the question if it was asked of you?**

Everyone has felt like Charlie Brown at some time - on the outside, overlooked, and doomed to fail. The good news of great joy of Christmas is that Jesus came for everyone; the outsider, the overlooked and those who consider themselves a failure at life.

- 3. Have you ever felt like Charlie Brown? Explain.**

Linus answers Charlie Brown’s question with Luke 2:8-14.

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe

wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:8-14 (KJV)

- Christmas is about a God who came near by being born as a human child.

**3. What does Jesus being born as a human child say to you about Jesus?
About God?**

4. Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to be born as a human child?

- Christmas is about good news of great joy.

5. What made Jesus' birth good news of great joy?

**6. Does celebrating the birth of Jesus bring you great joy?
Why or why not?**

- Christmas is about peace on earth and good will toward **all** people.
The good news of Jesus is for **all** people - the outsiders, the overlooked, those who the world deems as failures.

**7. How can you put more of 'what Christmas is all about' into your
Christmas?**

**8. Is there someone you know who feels on the outside or feels overlooked
that you can share the good news and great joy of Jesus with?**