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SHAKE IT UP BY PUTTING JESUS AT THE CENTER OF CHRISTMAS.

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

Luke 2:14 NIV

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As we move through the Christmas season, it's important to remind ourselves often what we're celebrating: the gift of Jesus in our lives! To help you keep the joy of this season in your heart and mind, memorize this verse.

Set a timer for two minutes and grab a Bible or open your Bible app. Try to find this verse as quickly as you can! Then, read it aloud when you do. Repeat it as many times as possible before the time is up!

*I pray that God, the
source of hope, will
fill you completely
with joy and peace
because you trust in
him. Then you will
overflow with
confident hope
through the power of
the Holy Spirit.*
Romans 15:13 NLT

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Hope, joy, and peace are all words we see everywhere during the Christmas season. When was the last time you stopped to think about what those words actually mean for us? As Scripture reminds us, hope, joy, and peace are all things we can have when we trust in God. Why? Because God is actually the source of all those things!

Where in your life do you feel like you need more hope, joy, or peace?

Memorize this verse, inserting your own name where you see the word "you." Then, pray it that way, asking God to completely fill you up with the hope, joy, and peace promised this season and beyond.

*For a child is born to
us, a son is given to
us. The government
will rest on his
shoulders. And he will
be called: Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace.*
Isaiah 9:6 NLT

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Do you have nicknames—things that only your closest friends and family call you? When you hear those nicknames, you know that they're coming from someone who really knows and loves you, right? Before Jesus was born, people knew what He would be called. And according to the Bible, the names He would be called represented the important things about who He was. They were the things that we would love about Jesus—the things that represent His love for us.

Look at this list of names for Jesus in this verse. Which one means the most to you? What are some ways you can share that part of who Jesus is with your family or friends this Christmas?

*For wisdom will enter
your heart,
and knowledge will
fill you with joy.*

Proverbs 2:10 NLT

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Do you have a big decision coming up? A choice you need to make this holiday season? Something that you need a little wisdom to guide you through? Remember, being wise means actually doing the things we've learned are right. If we want to be wise, we have to do more than just know; we have to act on what we know. Because, when we act in wisdom, we'll find ourselves full of joy.

What better way to experience the joy God promises this Christmas than by choosing to use the wisdom God gives to help us do what's right?

Today, talk to someone older and wiser than you about how they make wise choices. Ask them for help finding joy in doing what's right.

*Jesus told him, "I am
the way, the truth,
and the life. No one
can come to the
Father except
through me."*

John 14:6 NLT

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What is Christmas really all about? That's not as easy of a question as it seems! There are so many different opinions about what Christmas should be all about, and sometimes, hearing all of them can make Christmas feel anything but joyful. Thankfully, Jesus Himself told us what Christmas was really all about when He told us who He truly is. When we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate the fact that Jesus provides a way for us to connect with God, our Heavenly Father. He is the way toward all truth and life in this world, and that's definitely something worth celebrating this Christmas season.

*She 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

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There are tons of words we use to describe the important people in our lives. Whether it's bestie, fam, or squad, you've got a category to define all the people in your life. Well, the same is true with Jesus. We are all His people—people He loved so much that He came to join us here on Earth thousands of years ago that first Christmas. Why? Because He wanted to be with us, to rescue us, to save us from our sins. All we have to do to experience the joy of Jesus' presence is to accept His invitation to walk with Him.

This Christmas, thank God for the gift of Jesus! Pray that you'll remember the joy that comes from Jesus' presence with us this season.

*But he said to me, "My
grace is sufficient for
you, for my power
is made perfect in
weakness."*

*2 Corinthians 12:9a
NIV*

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The perfect Christmas doesn't exist. Is that great news? No. But hopefully, it's relieving news! Things will go wrong or disappoint us this season, and that's normal. But in this verse, we're reminded that in those imperfect moments, Jesus' grace is there for us. His love is enough to take care of us. He loves us enough to handle our imperfections. Even when we feel disappointed or things seem out of our control, God cares for us. Don't underestimate the power of God's desire to comfort you.

In times of weakness, ask God to help you remember and believe that God's grace is sufficient for you. Pray and ask God for grace, strength, patience, and perspective shifts to get you through a tough time or tough season.