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FOR ALL PEOPLE | DECEMBER 20-26, 2023
YOU'RE INVITED.

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

Luke 2:14 NIV

>> DECEMBER 20

Having Scripture in your mind during this Christmas season is a great way for you to remember what it is you're celebrating: the birth of Jesus into the world!

To work on memorizing this verse this week, draw a picture that illustrates what the verse is saying. Then, write the Scripture below your picture. Place your drawing where you'll see it often to not only help you remember the verse, but to remind you of the Christmas story you're celebrating right now.

*Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil;
cling to what is good.*

Romans 12:9 NIV

>> DECEMBER 21

Have you noticed how the Christmas season inspires us to show God's love to others by meeting needs, donating our time or money, and spreading cheer to those around us? What's so cool is that God did it first by sending Jesus as the ultimate display of love. God showed us that love is so much more than a feeling; it's also an action. God didn't just tell us about love; God acted on it. God sent Jesus to demonstrate God's love for us. And that is the Good News of great joy that's worth celebrating this Christmas!

Right now, take a minute to thank God for demonstrating love for you. Then, find one way to show love to someone else around you today.

*Greater love
has no one than this:
to lay down one's life
for one's friends.*

John 15:13 NIV

>> DECEMBER 22

This verse in John reminds us of an amazing thing about Jesus: He gave up His life for us. His death on the cross (something we remember at Easter) was the ultimate act of love. As this verse puts it, there is no greater act of love than that! And it's an act of love that began at Christmas with the birth of Jesus and His entrance into the world. As you think about what Christmas means to you this year, don't forget to focus on the love of God that Christmas demonstrates.

Today, put this verse into action by doing one thing to serve a friend or family member today. As you do, thank God for showing that same love to you by sending Jesus.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

>> DECEMBER 23

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be filled with joy, anticipation, and excitement. But they also can be filled with exams, homework projects, and family stress! Those things certainly don't bring out the best in us, do they? No matter what conflicts or hurts come our way this season, Scripture reminds us that we have what we need to overcome them: love. Jesus' deep love for us covers everything in our lives. Every stress, every struggle, every worry, every doubt, every mistake, every fear—love covers it all!

Anytime you find yourself feeling stressed out, overwhelmed, or simply struggling to make it through this holiday season, pray that God would remind you of Jesus' love that is always available to you.

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.

Psalms 136:26 NLT

>> DECEMBER 24

Isn't God's love for us amazing? God loves us so much that God sent Jesus to Earth. Why? Because God wanted to make a way to save us from our sin. It's that lasting act of love that we celebrate and remember every year at Christmas. It's a love we can see on display in our lives, in our relationships, and in the world around us. And it's a love that we can be thankful for every day.

Today, talk with someone in your life about God's love. Ask them to share how they've seen God's love at work in their own life recently. Then, share how you've seen it in yours, too.

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

Luke 2:14 NIV

>> DECEMBER 25

These words are so important to the Christmas story because they tell us of the Glory of God. The angels spoke these words in praise of God for the gift of Jesus. God sent Jesus to be born on Christmas so that the whole world could be saved!

This gift is so great that the angels responded in worship and gave glory to the giver of that gift. This Christmas Day, let's not miss celebrating the birth of Jesus, but worship and honor God for giving us the best gift ever.

Our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people.

1 Timothy 4:10 NLT

>> DECEMBER 26

Christmas is a season that seems to be filled with hope. But hope doesn't have to be put away with the Christmas decorations at the end of the year. Whatever it is you're hoping for right now, remember that the hope we celebrate at Christmas is the hope we have in Jesus. Our hope is in the One who came to save us. It's in the One who came to this world as a baby just to be with us. To rescue us. To make things right for us. Because of Jesus, no matter what your life looks like today, you can hope that there is more ahead in the new year and beyond.

Today, find a worship song with lyrics about hope. As you listen to it, pick out your favorite lyric to write down and remember the hope you have available to you at all times because of Jesus.