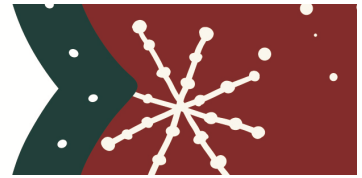


YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS



LESSON 3 // GETTING GOD'S BEST

Big Idea: The story of Jesus' birth is about God giving us His best. One of the clear truths of Scripture is that the Lord wants us to have His best. We receive His best by believing God desires to give this to us, being active participants with Him, remembering that His best is a soul condition rather than a set of circumstances, and letting God use us to take His message to others.

Psalm 32:8 (NLT) *The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."*

Luke 2:9-11 (NLT) *Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."¹¹ The Savior — yes, the Messiah, the Lord — has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David.*

Luke 2:15-16 (NLT) *When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:17 (NLT) *After seeing Him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.*

Start Talking:

How is "God's best" often different than what we think we want in life?

Start Thinking:

Read Psalm 32:8. Why is it so important to believe that God's wants to guide you into His best? What are some of the ways He does this in your life?

Read Luke 2:9-11. In what ways can difficult circumstances make you appreciate and value God's blessings even more?

Read Luke 2:15-16. How does being an active participant in what God is doing position you to experience His best?

Read Luke 2:17. How did the shepherds respond to the news about Jesus' birth? In what ways does this challenge you to respond to the gospel message?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for a deeper appreciation of the special gift God has given to you in His Son. Also pray that this appreciation moves you to share the Good News of this gift with others in this season and into the new year. Look for opportunities to care for, talk and pray with people God puts in your path, knowing that He will use that to draw them to Him.