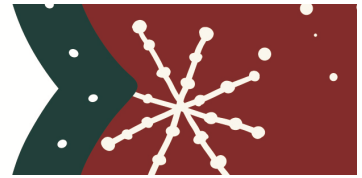


# YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS



## LESSON 4 // GIVING YOUR BEST

**Big Idea:** The best Christmas involves giving your best. We learn about this from the story of the wise men who brought and gave their best to Jesus. To do this you need to improve your spiritual vision, pursue the Lord patiently and persistently, and give to Him freely and generously.

**Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)** *Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup>“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”*

**Psalms 46:10 (NLT)** *Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.*

**Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)** *If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.*

**Isaiah 55:3 (NLT)** *Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.*

**Matthew 2:9-12 (NLT)** *After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.*

### Start Talking:

What are some ways you can give your best to the Lord this Christmas?

### Start Thinking:

**Read Matthew 2:1-2 and Jeremiah 29:13.** How might your spiritual vision impact your giving to God and others?

**Read Psalm 46:10.** Why is it important to stop and take time to really know God?

**Read Isaiah 55:3.** What does it mean to “listen” to the Lord? What are some practical ways you can do this?

**Read Matthew 2:9-12.** How is generous giving an expression of your worship? What happens if you hold back your giving from Him?

### Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for God to enlarge your heart for giving in this season of giving. Let the message of God’s wonderful gift of His Son encourage you to give generously and freely to Him, and in His name to others in need.