



LETTERS FOR

Christmas

A FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

WELCOME TO THE MAIL ROOM

I am honored you have selected this guide to help your kids understand the most important part of Christmas, Jesus. It's easy to get caught up in the holiday festivities. I mean, who doesn't love a good Hallmark movie and freshly baked cookies? I love it too, but I also want to put an emphasis on the importance of this season.

This guide is a creative take on the biblical Christmas story. It is intended to be used over the course of 12 days! Any 12 days leading up to 12/25! In this guide we will be reading letters sent by some of the key players in the birth of Jesus Christ. You can enjoy this guide with the whole family, and it is meant for all ages. I encourage you to talk about this guide and create discussion around the things you read. There are discussion questions provided, to help you start the conversation.

There is also a coloring page provided for each day! I highly suggest you use these to help little hands stay busy while you read. Then you can cut them out and hang them on the tree or create a banner of them to hang on the mantle!

I pray the Lord meets you in this study, and you and your family find it helpful. You are making the very best decision to put your focus on the Lord this Christmas season.

ALSO, HELLO, I'M MAMA ROE!

I am a SAHM to 3 little girls. I was a teacher in a past life, and I love the Lord. I spend my days homeschooling my three girls and looking for ways to bring the gospel to life for them. It is not lost on me, that the only thing I can bring to heaven is my family. Motherhood is my mission field. I am a member of a Baptist church,

In the little time I am not homeschooling my kids, I am creating content on Instagram and Facebook. I'd love to see you there, and chit chat some more.



TIPS TO ADD SOME WHIMSY TO THIS

I want to start by saying, you don't have to do any of this, but I wanted to share the ideas incase you did want to. I love to add whimsy to our day to day lives, and this devotional is just oozing potential for a whimsical experience. Here are some things I am doing with my kids to make this devotional stick, and hopefully be a fun Christmas memory.

1. "MAIL THE LETTERS"

Now hold on before you go sticking these in the mailbox! Christmas time is hard on the postal service, and they can become unreliable, so here is my suggestion. Print the letters and put them in envelopes (red or green ones if you can find them!), Then...

1. Mail them to yourself, all at the same time, well before you plan to start this. (Like in November!) That way all the letters will arrive and you can place them in the mailbox on the days you plan to use them.
2. Pick up an air mail stamp and make the envelope look like it has been mailed.
3. Or simply put the letters in the mailbox so the kids can think the letters were actually mailed!

2. LETTERS AND HOT CHOCOLATE

One of our favorite homeschool traditions is tea time. It's simply learning while having a tea party. But my children don't love tea, so we often use hot chocolate instead! I set out little bowls of milk, marshmallows, peppermint, and other add ins. (a cookie or treat is fun too) The kids love to sit with the drink they created, and listen to whatever we are learning about. These letters are perfect for this activity!

3. CANDLE LIGHT

I love a good tapered candle. Plus, the light gives the letters a wonderful, focused glow causing the kids to really hone in on what is being read. Any time I need to make something special or have the kids really pay attention, I grab a candle. It immediately sets the mood. Candles can make any occasion whimsical!

4. LET THE ELF DO THE WORK

We don't have an elf, but if it is a tool your family uses, let the elf bring these letters. I love the idea of taking something non-religious and using it for delivering God's word. God uses everything for His plan! Plus here are 15 days of Elf ideas already planned for you! You're welcome.

NOW LETS GET STARTED



DEAR FRIEND

Have you ever been frustrated because you weren't big enough to do something? Maybe you weren't tall enough to ride the roller coaster! Maybe you were too little to play with the bigger kids. Being small can be frustrating, because it's easy to be overlooked, but God never overlooks even the smallest of places. He knows small things can have big impacts on the world, and He sent me a prophecy about a teeny tiny city that was going to have a huge impact on the world.

You see, just like Isaiah, God sent me a prophecy. This prophecy was about the city where Jesus would be born.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel."

Micah 5:2

Bethlehem was not the kind of city you would expect a King to come from, but God had a plan for Bethlehem. God sees the value in even the smallest people and places. He has everything planned out perfectly, because do you remember God told us the baby would come from the line of David, and Bethlehem was known as the city of David.

So while we may not understand the plan God has for us, God knows the plan. He has thought of every detail. God will always keep His promises. So I kept telling people God was coming. And you know what? Sometimes the things God is doing don't look very big at first. A small baby, a little town, but a big promise.

God was putting all the pieces together to do something BIG. So while you wait for Christmas, remember Bethlehem. Remember that God sees the small things, the little places, and even people who might feel overlooked. Because with God, small does not mean unimportant. And sometimes, the smallest beginnings are part of the biggest stories.

UNTIL THEN,
Micah

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who do you think God's people were waiting for?
2. Why would the location of Jesus' birth matter?
3. Why do you think God gave His people such specific information?
4. What do Isaiah and Micah have in common?



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