



CHRISTMAS

A guided discussion on the topic of Christmas

OPENER

I saw or heard (give example of Christmas music or decorations) this week. Has anyone else seen or heard anything about Christmas at school or on TV?

Prompts if no response: Lights, non-stop holiday music, radio stations dedicated to Christmas, commercials, decorations in stores and waiting rooms, etc.

Discussion Question 1:

What are some aspects of Christmas that don't make a lot of sense?

Prompts if no response: Telling kids to believe in Santa Claus, putting up a tree in your home, hurting other people for Black Friday deals, kissing under poisonous mistletoe.



Discussion Question 2:

Lying breaks one of the 10 Commandments, and it is mentioned several times in the Bible as an abomination to God. Let's try to list all the lies associated with Christmas.

Prompts if no response: Santa and elves on shelves are real, Christ was born December 25th, three wise men visited the baby Jesus in a manger, God accepts pagan customs.

Discussion Question 3:

Idolatry breaks two of the 10 Commandments, and it is mentioned several times in the Bible as an abomination to God. Let's try to list the pagan origins and idolatry in Christmas.

Prompts if no response: Worship of nature (decorating trees, wreaths, mistletoe), replacing God and Christ with Santa Claus, clear ties to Mithraism (Sun God) and Saturnalia with the winter solstice.

Hypothetical 1:

What would you think or say back if you heard this: "Christmas is about family, and God likes that. God likes giving and the Christmas spirit of goodwill toward others."



Prompts if no response: Ask them why they have to be generous on that specific day, why they have to use pagan methods of worship, and how Satan likes to make bad things seem good.

Hypothetical 2:

What would you think or say if you were told: “Jesus is the reason for the season.”

Prompts if no response: Christmas started 400 years after Jesus; discuss the pros and cons of different responses.

CLOSER

How does Satan deceive so many Christians into thinking Christmas is good and right?

Prompts if no response: Heartwarming movies of family togetherness; friendliness increasing with people saying “Merry Christmas” or being generous; using Santa to get kids to be good for presents.



SCRIPTURES FOR MORE STUDY OR REFERENCE

Deuteronomy 12:29-32; Jeremiah 10:1-5; Proverbs 6:16-19