

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” –

Luke 2:7

Away in a Manger

Merriam-Webster Dictionary describes a manger as ‘a trough or an open box in a stable designed to hold feed for livestock’. The Savior of the world, was laid in a lowly manger when He was meant for streets of gold. The world that He came to save simply had no room for Him. The angels brought good tidings of great joy, but Jesus came to give us precious grace. The wise men presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh when He came to give us the gift of eternal life. The shepherds brought Him praise, but He came to give us peace.

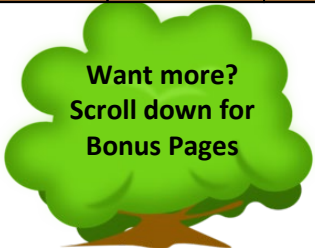
Our schedules seem to keep us on the go. If we are not careful, we will fill our days with so many activities that we will leave little to no time to pray and read God’s Word. We can become so busy with the cares of life that we have no room for God in our hearts. Lessons, play dates, homework, shopping and fellowship cannot possibly replace genuine time with the Lord. We can find ourselves busy, yet still feeling totally unfulfilled.

Bethlehem did not realize who was knocking on their doors. The Savior, who they had eagerly awaited to see, was turned away. Jerusalem was waiting for a mighty shout from their Messiah, all the while a tiny cry pierced the night. They expected a King and their Lord was born in a manger. He laid aside His royal robe to be wrapped in swaddling clothes. Jesus was laid in a trough, meant to feed animals, when He came to be the Bread of Life to fill all men.

Family Prayer: *Lord, help me to always keep You first. You deserve my very best. I do not want to rush through the day without giving You devoted time in prayer and the reading of Your Word. May you always remain the center of my joy. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. As a family, bake a cake or cupcakes to celebrate Jesus' birth. Everyone pitch in with the ingredients, the stirring and pouring, setting of the table, etc. Afterwards everyone can enjoy!

Let's talk

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt left out? How did it feel to not be included? In what ways can we show Jesus, in our daily walk, that we desire a relationship with Him?

Gifts are a lot more than store bought gifts. This week, think of something you can do for someone else that will be a blessing to them and/or their family. There are elderly, less fortunate and widow(ers) that may need a helping hand during this Christmas season.



Additional Challenges

Our priorities must be in order. On the left side, lay out your 'To Do' List. On the right side, is a sample of a daily calendar. Prioritize and schedule your time accordingly.

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