**Luke 2:1-20**

* **Why is Christmas such a big deal**
* Christmas is a time for celebration
* **Luke 2:10** 10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
* Christmas is a time for salvation
* **Luke 2:11** 11Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
* Christmas is a time for reconciliation
* **Luke 2:14** 14“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
  and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”
* **A Time for Salvation**
* **Three reasons to celebrate**
* **Jesus saves you from something: he came to save you from sin and yourself**
* **Romans 3:23**   
  23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
* **Romans 7:14-15**14We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. 15I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
* **Jesus saves you for something: for his purpose.**
* **Ephesians 1:4**  
  4For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
* **Isaiah 53:6**  
  6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
* **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**  
  14For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.
* **Jesus saves you by something: grace through faith**
* **John 6:28-29**  
  28Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” 29Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
* **Hebrews 11:6**  
  6And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.