




# Why Prepare for Christmas

Four Valid Reasons Why We Need to Prepare for Christmas



# **FAMILY ALTAR GUIDE**



# **FUN**

**Time to Thank and Praise God for What He Has Done**

# INSTRUCTIONS

- Make this moment a “meeting time” wherein you can have “cooked food” or “delivered food” while your whole family enjoy this 1-hour meet up with the purpose of intimacy, information and inspiration.
- You can also have a simple group game to perk up everyone’s interest and basically have fun.
- Remember: ***“It’s more fun at home with the family.”***

# Faithful Family Declaration

I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit whose love and destiny, I will live it.

I am a lover. I'm a worshipper. I am a giver, supporter, peacemaker.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

As for me and my campus, we will seek the Lord.

As for me and my workplace, we excel for the Lord.

Thus, I will connect with God daily. I will work with my faith group weekly.

I will use my talents to serve the ministry.

As Jesus makes my heart pure, He makes my future secure.


This year, I will trust and obey For His blessings are sure to stay.

Support and pray for the mission of national transformation.

Faithful's 2020 vision is Mighty Multiplication.

# ICEBREAKER

- When the Christmas season arrives, what is that event, practice or tradition that you are most excited to celebrate? Why?



# FOOD

**Time Share and Apply God's Word to Our Lives**

# INSTRUCTIONS

- Before the sharing of today's SPIRITUAL FOOD, jump start the meet up with a fast or slow worship song can be played live or through YouTube.
- Singing Christian Worship songs can refresh and refocus a stressful mind and heart.





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## Take Note

When man landed on the moon, that was big news. It was almost as if the whole world stopped to watch Neil Armstrong's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.



## Take Note

But it is nothing compared to the news that God landed on the earth.

Jesus Christ is God,  
and his birth is when God  
came to Earth.



# Four Valid Reasons Why We Need to Prepare for Christmas

1. *Christmas Relevance: God Came to Earth*
2. *Christmas Reality: God Became Man*
3. *Christmas Reason: Jesus Came to Die*
4. *Christmas Result: Jesus Is Lord*

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Reason #1

Christmas Relevance

# God Came to Earth





Christ was truly God.  
But he did not try  
to remain  
equal with God.

**Philippians 2:6 (CEV)**

## Take Note

Jesus didn't start in the stable. He existed even before Creation. The preeminence of Christ is explained in Colossians, where we are told he is the exact likeness of the unseen God, he existed before anything else, and, in truth, he is the Creator who made everything in Heaven and on Earth (Colossians 1:15-16).



How would it change the  
way you celebrate  
Christmas if you will know  
that Jesus is truly God who  
has come to earth?



**Discussion**

Reason #2

Christmas Reality

# God Became Man





Instead he gave up  
everything  
and became a slave,  
when he became  
like one of us.

**Philippians 2:7 (CEV)**



## How is Jesus like us?

- **He was born like us** *(Luke 2:5-7)*
- **He grew like us** *(Luke 2:52)*
- **He was tempted like us**  
**us** *(Hebrews 4:14-16)*
- **He suffered like us** *(Matthew 26:38)*

Why did Jesus come  
as a human being  
here on earth?



**Discussion**

Reason #3

Christmas Reason

**Jesus Came  
to Die**





Christ was humble.  
He obeyed God  
and even died  
on a cross.

**Philippians 2:8 (CEV)**



The Bible says he died for two reasons:

- **To demonstrate God's love** *(Romans 5:8)*
- **To pay for our sins** *(1 Peter 2:24)*





## Take Note

Salvation through Jesus means freedom — freedom from guilt, worry, fear, purposelessness in life. You are free to live the way God meant for you to live, and you can rest in the freedom of knowing Jesus has given you eternal life.

Have you received Jesus  
as your savior? Are you  
sharing your salvation  
to others?



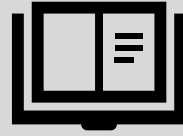
**Discussion**

**Reason #4**

Christmas Result

**Jesus Is Lord**





<sup>9</sup> Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. <sup>10</sup> So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. <sup>11</sup> And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, *“Jesus Christ is Lord!”*

**Philippians 2:9-11 (CEV)**



What does it mean to say, “*Jesus is Lord*”?

- I **acknowledge** that Jesus really is God.
- I **believe** that Jesus has everything under control.
- I **commit** all of my life to Jesus.

## Take Note

When you're discouraged, say, "**Jesus is Lord.**" When you're tired, when you're worried, when you're afraid, when you're lonely say, "**Jesus is Lord.**" Say it when you're grieving and you don't understand why someone you love just died. Say it when you don't think you can go another mile.

How have you made  
Jesus as your Lord  
this week?



**Discussion**



# **FAITH**

**Time to Serve our Family, Friends and Others**



# #FaithfulEverywhere

- Monday **FLI E-Class**
- Tuesday **Family Altar**
- Wednesday **Midweek Service**
- Thursday **Prayers**
- Friday **Training**
- Saturday **CYOD**
- Sunday **Celebration Services**