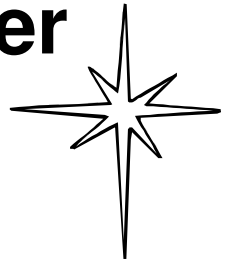




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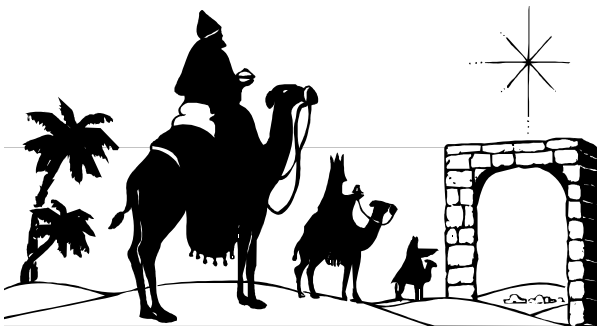
What is Christmas?

Does that seem like a strange heading? It may seem obvious what Christmas is. Surely everybody knows? A quick look at any shopping centre will show decorations all around, mainly red and green ones. Maybe the music in the shops is Christmas music. The "junk mail" in the letterboxes cries out, "buy, buy, buy". How could we not realize that it is only a few weeks until Christmas? Have you wrapped your presents, cooked your Christmas cake and other goodies, and attended the school Christmas concert? Do you have Christmas cards to write and photos with Santa to be taken? Are you feeling like life is rush, rush, rush? Is this Christmas?

Maybe you need to take some time to read about the birth of Jesus (read Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2) and think about the humble birthplace of the son of God. Talk with your friends about this important event, the time when the angels praised God and said,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased."

Luke 2:14



**We pray that you and your family will
have a safe and happy Christmas.**

Christmas course

Have you booked into our two-night course about the background to some of the traditions of Christmas? "Christmas – the birth of hope" tells the real story as described in the Bible. The birth of Jesus (and the life he lived) has had an enormous impact on the world. This course aims to help you find the true meaning of Christmas and encourage you in life.

God willing it will run on:

Thursday December 7, 8.00pm-9.30pm

Thursday December 14, 8.00pm-9.30pm

Christmas service

Join us for a worship service on Christmas Eve to rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ. We plan to praise God for his gift of Jesus, using songs and Bible readings.

Sunday December 24,

11.30am-12.30pm,

God willing.



Shop closed for three weeks

The Dandenong Bible Education Centre will be closed for three weeks after Christmas. It will be closed from Monday December 25 and will reopen on Monday January 15. During this time it is planned that the centre will be open each Sunday as usual.

Did you know?

Jesus was almost certainly not born on December 25. There were shepherds in the fields at night when he was born, but December (winter in Israel) would have been too cold for this.

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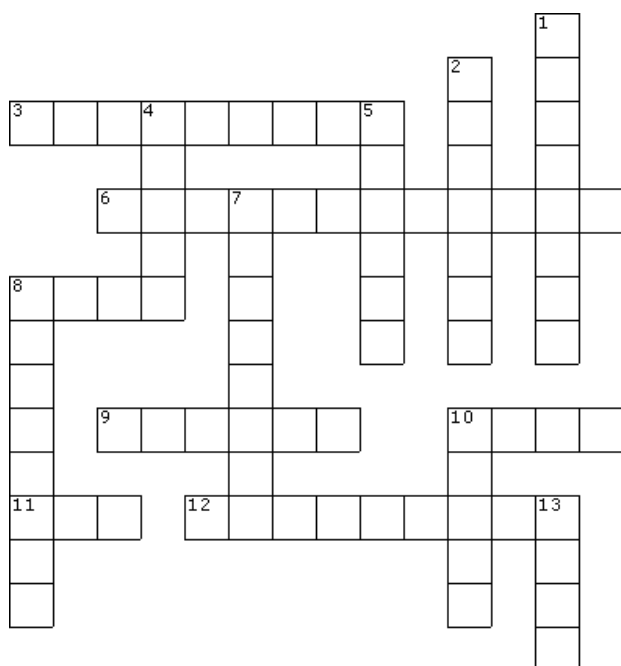
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"Jesus is born" crossword puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 City where Jesus was born
- 6 Gift brought to Jesus
- 8 Gift brought to Jesus
- 9 Mary's husband
- 10 Jesus' mother
- 11 There was no room for Mary and Joseph at the ____
- 12 They visited Jesus

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- 1 "Caesar ____ issued a decree that a census should be taken"
- 2 They visited Jesus (2 words)
- 4 King who wanted to kill Jesus
- 5 Jesus' crib
- 7 City where Jesus grew up
- 8 "On earth peace, ____ toward men"
- 10 Gift brought to Jesus
- 13 Guiding light for wise men

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Answers to November's quiz

1. Naaman was a Syrian (2 Kings 5:1)
2. Queen Candace was an Ethiopian (Acts 8:27)
3. Sennacherib was an Assyrian (2 Kings 18:13)
4. Artaxerxes was a Persian (Ezra 4:7)
5. Geshem was an Arabian (Nehemiah 2:19)
6. Nebuchadnezzar was a Babylonian (Daniel 1:1)
7. Potiphar was an Egyptian (Genesis 37:36)
8. Claudius Lysias was a Roman (Acts 23:26)
9. Zipporah was a Midianite (Exodus 2:15-22)
10. Simon who carried Jesus' cross was a Cyrenian (Matthew 27:32)

Did you work it out?

Last month we asked:

What is –

Greater than God,
More evil than wicked people,
The rich may not have it,
The poor might not need it,
And if you eat it, you will die?

The answer is "nothing".

The New Life class

Each Sunday from 11.30am-12.30pm we hold a class covering a variety of Bible topics. All who attend are invited to stay to share lunch with us. God willing the topics for the coming weeks will be:

- Dec 3** *After death – what next?*
- 10** *Discussion forum: Why I believe in God*
- 17** *The Lord our God is one Lord*
- 24** *Christmas service*
- 31** *New Year's resolutions – putting God first*
- Jan 7** *Proverbs and parables – lessons for 2007*
- 14** *Video screening*
- 21** *Bible Quiz morning*

Jesus and People – Living The Life!

January 28, 2007, 11.30am

Guest Speaker: Paul Waite

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Honest,
Concerned,
Loyal
lives in Jesus Christ.