

**Greetings, Abiding Faith Youth parents!**

**Merry Christmas! We've been looking forward to this day *all year long!* Can you believe it's almost here? Mary and Joseph couldn't either. See, the Jewish people had been looking forward to the day when God would *finally* send His Rescuer. But can you imagine Mary's shock when she found out that she would be Jesus' mother? And Joseph's shock when he found out his soon-to-be wife was pregnant with God's Son? It would have been hard to believe! Can you imagine the shepherd's shock when a chorus of angels appeared to announce that the Rescuer had been born? They had been looking forward to this day for *hundreds* of years – and it was *finally* here.**

**When it's time to begin, start your morning of family worship by watching the short lesson video with your kids. It's a great way to engage spiritually with your family. Right click on the link below and select "open link in new tab" or copy and paste the link into a new tab to view the video. After the lesson is over, choose a worship song to sing with your kids!**

**<https://youtu.be/1cQQ8hamVAQ>**

**Here is a snapshot of the lesson details for this week:**

**Bible Story: The Greatest Gift**

**Big Idea: Jesus is the greatest Christmas gift of all time, so we can give glory and praise to God.**

**Memory Verse: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIRV)**

**After the video lesson and music, you can use the attached materials to help take your family deeper into the lesson:**

- **Family/Group activity guide**
- **Coloring page for kids**
- **GO! Home guide for kids**
- **Bible verse sign**

**Christmas is such a wonderful time of year – the trees and the lights and the music and the presents! But as much as we look forward to this incredible season and rejoice when it's finally here, *Jesus* is the best part. He is the greatest gift. I hope and pray that this Christmas you'll remember *who* and *why* we celebrate.**

**In Him,**

**Abiding Faith Youth Dept.**