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Glory to GOD
in the highest,
and on earth
peace, good
will toward
men.

Special Christmas Gift Guide included! Luke 2:14

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Welcome

Festive greetings to all and a hearty welcome to the December issue of Truth To Wonder magazine. As we enter Christmas time, with its consumerism and secular celebrations of excess and greed with Christmas present 'wish lists' getting ever more expensive and extensive, let us remember how Our Lord entered this world in the flesh.

In Luke 2:7, we read that Our Lord, the King of Kings, the Creator and Sustainer of all Creation was born into poverty, being "wrapped in swaddling clothes" and laid in a manger for a bed. By the mercy of God, very few of us will know such poverty as to have to wrap our newborn child in rags, yet this is exactly how Our Lord

entered this life of flesh and blood. Such an entrance is so very far removed from the picturesque Christmas card images we all have of a roaring fire in a pretty cottage, surrounded by plenty in both family, friends and provisions, all while visually pleasing but physically non-troubling snow descends outside.

Yet Our Lord was born in the harsh cold night of Israel, without pomp or circumstance, devoid of any material comfort. His first place of physical rest was an animal trough and yet the angels filled the night sky and sang in praise before the shepherds of the wonder of what was taking place that night, the birth of a Saviour.

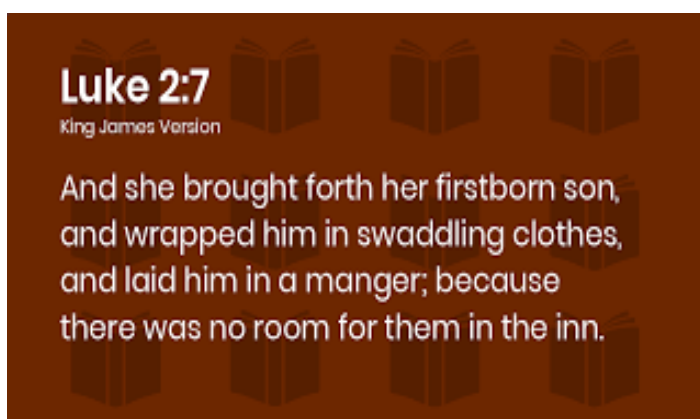
In this great physical poverty, God was delivering unto believing hearts the treasure of eternal salvation through the delivering of an eternal Saviour in Jesus Christ. So whilst gathering with friends and family in times of comfort and God's gracious provision is a wonderful blessing indeed, let us never forget that such plenty and material abundance is not the setting of the Nativity. No, the true abundance that is to be celebrated in this season and forevermore is the abundance of grace that God provided in sending His Only Begotten Son so that we might be brought to peace with God through the blood of Christ shed on Calvary's Cross. This was and is the staggering fulfilment of the words of the prophet Isaiah when he speaks with complete conviction as though he is watching the incarnation of Jesus himself take place before his very eyes, when he spoke, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.....a Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

Material abundance no matter how quaintly marketed, no matter how ornately wrapped, cannot deliver the gift of eternal peace. It is the gift of Christ alone, and in His humble entrance into the flesh, He still held His mantle as the provider and Prince of eternal peace.

So no matter how you find yourself this Christmas time, whether in poverty or plenty, if you know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour then you are rich indeed. If you do not know Him, then my friend no matter how much turkey you consume, no matter how many gifts you unwrap, you will still be in eternal poverty, held by the debt of sin before a righteous God. So dispense with the

greed and gluttony of the season and come to Jesus, and the same angels who sang the praise of the Saviour before the shepherds those millennia ago, will sing in joy at your redemption, to the glory of God.

Before we enter this December issue, I would like to draw your attention to page 20. This special page contains two differing Christmas scenes with a Bible verse and brief message. My hope is that these images will be simple witnessing tools by printing off these scenes and sticking them up in your porch windows/front door or whatever place you believe passers by/visitors will be able to read it. Such a simple act may be dismissed by the majority but even if one person reads it's words and is moved by the grace of God to read His Word and call on His Son for forgiveness of their sins, then the bells of heaven will ring out with joy and the angels will sing with delight that another heart has been regenerated by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.



By Jonathan Badger

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we thank you for the provisions you so graciously bless us with constantly, even though we are but such wretched sinners. Lord, though we are humbled and shameful of our sinful natures, we rejoice in the knowledge that we are at peace with you because of the atonement made for our sins by our Lord Jesus Christ.

How we marvel at your eternal plan of salvation, how you delivered your Son unto us, sending Him amongst us without worldly splendour but still

rich in heavenly glory so that He might know our own frailties. How gracious you are Lord and how we treasure the very name of Jesus, for there is no more beautiful a name in all existence. How we join in adoration of Him as the shepherds did that cold night two thousand years ago. Though many years have passed since that miraculous day, the glory of it has not diminished one jot.

So Lord we ask that you instil in us hearts of reverence and adoration, so that our heart's delight is you and your Eternal Word. Then even with the most dazzling of lights and the most beautiful of presents, we will not wander from our devotion, focus and dedication to you so that each day will be lived to your glory. Amen.

Christmas Time, Mistletoe and Whine

No it's not a typo, I really did mean to write 'whine' and not 'wine' as a paraphrase of the well known Christmas song by Cliff Richard. The purpose of this artistic alteration is to point out the subtle yet overwhelming pandemic that is whining, expectancy and ingratitude within our society. One example of this ever increasing disease of the heart was seen in a recent headline that highlighted A&E Departments frustration with patients 'Amazon Prime' mentality. By this they meant the growing belief that anyone and everyone can expect the exact outcome they want in any given situation as soon as they demand it to happen. In this instance it has been demonstrated through people's expectancy that they should be given immediate treatment to their satisfaction irregardless of others greater need. It is expectancy on steroids and it is taking numerous sectors of society to breaking point!

Yet when this expectancy is not met, oh boy, watch out! Then comes a tsunami of moaning and whining that makes pre-schoolers look mature as people lament how they've been mistreated, their life goals made unachievable and their self esteem shattered. This symptom of the societal pandemic of expectancy and ingratitude has been bred by a poisonous cocktail of the removal of God from all aspects of society,

along with the mass marketed idea that everyone should have 'good mental health' all the time.

The removal of God from society was a deliberate plan of the left wing who following the Communist/Socialist principles of Marx that religion is "an opiate for the masses", and should be destroyed. Then with God removed from the presence of man, mankind would be free to build a political/economical utopia where everyone is united under one state with one common goal (sound familiar? The spirit of Babel never died – Genesis 11).



What Marx refused to acknowledge though, along with all megalomaniacs like the Caesar's, Popes, Charlemagne, Khan, Napoleon, Mussolini, Lenin, Hitler, Stalin etc of world history, is that only Jesus Christ will ever rule the whole world in peace and complete authority.

So mankind is left chasing a pipe-dream, fulfilment without God. Sadly this is usually at its most evident in this festive season as individuals and families chase an idyllic Christmas without any trace of Jesus Christ. Yet when the idyllic Christmas fails to materialise, the much sought after 'good mental health' plummets into a chasm of disillusionment and bitterness. All too commonly this goes hand in hand with a complete lack of thankfulness and contentedness in what blessings and mercies we have been graciously given by God such as a measure of health and strength, shelter, food, warmth, clothing, family etc.

Such basic but vital gratitude is a rare thing today and is evident in so many areas of life as mentioned earlier. You see if we as a society dispense with God and instead subscribe to life being merely the result of random chance and

chaos, then why on earth is anyone surprised that gratitude is vanishing from our culture? Without God there is quite simply no one to be grateful to for such fundamentals of life such as food, clothing, shelter and indeed life itself! As a result contentedness is dying whilst greed is thriving.

The tragic irony is that contentedness and gratitude are key aspects for anyone who seeks to find 'good mental health'. This tragedy of the foolishness and blindness of man to all that is good and Godly, that even though Christmas songs are filled with lyrics on 'needing only a loved one at Christmas', and Christmas movies often ending with a heart warming image of family reunited, the world is falling further and further away from this hope of the artists.

In order to fight against the growing selfishness across our nation this Christmas time and always, is for Godly souls to speak boldly of the simplicity of the Gospel, highlighting the humble birth of Our Saviour and showing that true peace and thankfulness comes from Jesus Christ alone. He came into our world without pomp and ceremony but rich in the glory of heaven that is the eternal love of the Father. So though He thought it no robbery to be equal with the Father (Philippians 2:6), Jesus Christ was content in the love of His Father and so forsook heavenly glory for but a season so that we might have that same blessed contentedness in the love of God.

It is through this gracious love given freely by God, through the perfect life and sacrifice of the risen Lord Jesus that ingratitude is banished. In the humility of faith in a gracious God such as ours revealed in the Holy Bible, we see that we are deserving of nothing but judgement. Yet in His love and abundant grace through the blood of Jesus Christ, we are brought to share in His glory forevermore. So good mental health does not come from high self esteem but low self esteem, knowing that we long for something greater, higher than ourselves, and that this longing is satisfied in a humble bent knee before the gracious Lord Jesus, the One who came in humility so that you might be set free from misery and brought into His radiant light of salvation.

By Jonathan Badger

Every Knee Shall Bow

We all know the wonderful scene of the shepherds bowing in worship and adoration of the infant Jesus as He laid in swaddling clothes, resting in a poor manger for a bed. Yet we are told in Scripture that at the judgement seat of Jesus Christ every knee shall bow, not just the faithful (Philippians 2:10). A glimpse of universal recognition of the power and glory of Christ Jesus is offered when we have a look at some comments made by some of secular history's most recognisable names when they discuss Jesus. Let's take a look at some surprising names and see how the heart of even the unregenerate knows exactly who Jesus is. Before we look at some of these individuals just bear in mind that acknowledging who Jesus is is no sign of repentant faith in Him (just remember how each demon that came across Jesus in His earthly ministry all quickly acknowledged exactly who He is) as The Way, The Truth and The Life, the One whose precious blood washes clean the sins of repentant sinners and gifts them His own perfect righteousness in wondrous grace.

"I know me and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him." **Napoleon Bonaparte**

"I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. Jesus is too colossal for the pen of phrase-mongers, however artful! No man can read the gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life. Theseus and other heroes of his type lack the authentic vitality of Jesus." **Albert Einstein**

"Socrates dies like a philosopher; Jesus Christ died like a God." **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**

"It is a very good thing that you read the Bible...The Bible is Christ, for the Old Testament leads up to this culminating point....Christ alone...has affirmed as a principal certainty,

eternal life, the infinity of time, the nothingness of death, the necessity and the *raison d'être* of serenity and devotion. He lived serenely, as a greater artist than all other artists....made neither statues nor pictures nor books, he loudly proclaimed that he made....living men, immortals." **Vincent Van Gogh**

"No prophet before Jesus cast out demons, that I can remember, do you remember any of the old prophets casting out demons? Jesus was deep, there was something about the power of his word that demons came out." **Louis Farrakhan Snr**- Leader of religious group Nation of Islam



"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." **Mahatma Gandhi**

Jesus Christ was an extremist for love, truth and goodness." **Martin Luther King**

I commit my soul to the mercy of God, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I now most solemnly impress upon you the truth and beauty of the Christian religion as it came from Christ Himself, and the impossibility of going far wrong if you humbly but heartily respect it." **Charles Dickens**

As you can see, even the godless sinner cannot escape the unmistakable fact that Jesus led a perfect life, free of any sort of blemish, offering himself as a perfect sacrifice for mankind. Yet the tragedy is as you may have noted from the choice of words and tone that many of these men use, awareness of Jesus Christ does not mean faith in Jesus Christ. All are aware of Jesus, the devil himself is so aware of Him that his mission is to usurp Him and declare himself the Most High.

So yes indeed every knee will bow at the name of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:10), it is unavoidable and inescapable. Yet whilst you have been graciously given these precious hours and minutes to think on your condition before God, choose as to whether you will reluctantly but inevitably bend the knee of reverence before Christ Jesus, or whether you will bow with joy and delight before your merciful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The choice is yours but the outcome is set, your knee will bend at His name and in His presence.

By Jonathan Badger

The Great Deception – Part 3

As we enter the committee rooms of the gentlemen appointed to giving us the Revised Version, we need to remember that there was meant to be a noble task before them. The reality was however, that there were individuals who were there to destroy the great labours of a past generation. Westcott and Hort had the lead in this task but there were others who have been previously mentioned who were there with no good intent. Even today, we need to be aware that in translation committees there can be found unbelievers, apostates, liberals and those who corrupt God's Word. Many believers are relying on their 'scholarship'. Often well known Christian personalities will let their names be attached to the sale of a new 'bible' who have done no work on its production themselves. I am not bothered what 'big name' endorses it, I want to know what manuscripts it's based on. That of course is not likely to be difficult.

Before we move on again with our two infamous gentlemen, Westcott and Hort, I am reminded of something a brother wrote (who is with the Lord now), in reference to these 'more accurate' bibles, 'Why has no one ever produced an inerrant translation in 380 years if they knew the errors contained in the A.V./KJV?''They are still 'working at it', but still confessing they cannot produce a perfect translation. Why not, if they know where the imperfections were in the previous ones? Do you mean to tell me that 3000 plus saved men, with all the 'best and oldest manuscripts' and 'Dead Sea Scrolls' and 'better knowledge of Hebrew and Greek', all working

together, cannot produce an inerrant Bible? WHY NOT? THEY WERE THE ONES WHO PROFESSED TO HAVE ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE TO FIND ERRORS IN THE ONE GOD GAVE THEM. Surely, if they can spot an error, they can correct it, can't they? They made more than 35000 corrections in the A.V without perfecting it?and the CORRECTIONS HAVE NOT ALL BEEN MADE YET?....'These are the 'experts' - the men who profess to be able to correct the Holy Bible....After 380 years of labour they cannot correct it; all they did was alter words, swap verses, omit and add readings and produce what they profess is NOT an inerrant Bible'.



As we sit down with the revisers let us remind ourselves of their brief, they were to make changes in spelling and the updating of certain words. They were to do only that which was necessary. The idea of a unique position being given to the Vatican manuscript and behind it some 'primitive archetype', ie text to be conjectured, not one in existence; and then that two manuscripts take priority over all other evidence was insane. The Revised Version is based on a corrupted text, as one critic has said, 'the foulest and most vicious in existence'. This is not a matter of the distant past, it's ramifications apply now in 2021. All versions of the Bible published since the times of Westcott and Hort are throw-backs of antiquity which were known to be corrupted at the time of the Reformation. Modern bibles are based on corrupt texts which were dumped by the Early Church in the fourth century A.D. The A.V translators used a text that is older than the best manuscripts used by Westcott and Hort.

Hort regarded the manuscripts most reliable which were readings backed by Origen, these readings were almost certainly those which in the third century were the preferred ones at

Alexandria. Hort majors on the use of the Alexandrian text. Indeed, Westcott and Hort claim they restored the text of Origen, and, that which is represented by the Vaticanus is 'neutral' and sound as opposed to all others. This is incredible, their 'selected readings' are no proof of that. Further, Origen is as reliable as a leaky bath-tub. He is often mystical in interpretations and has no serious command of Hebrew. He is speculative and one should never adopt any conclusion, any reading, which vests in his authority. Bishop Marsh said, 'Whenever therefore grammatical interpretation produced a sense which in Origen's opinion was irrational or impossible according to the philosophy which Origen had learnt at Alexandria, he then departed from the literal sense'. Origen is utterly unreliable in textual matters. Alexandria was a hot-bed of heresy, no way was God's Word going to be kept pure there. The manuscripts Aleph and B have clearly been tampered with and revised.

Vaticanus or B is not a 'neutral text'. The maligned Textus Receptus served in large measure as the base which B tampered with and corrupted, the Church knew this before 1881. Westcott and Hort's work is a LIE from start to finish. Anyone who has looked at all the evidence (and understood it), can only agree with their arguments by being wilfully blind. They should never have been allowed near a revision work. Their 'labours' for the Church destroyed the faith of many in the Received Text.



The majority of the manuscripts have a Greek Text which closely resembles the basis of our A.V/KJV. Many believers are led to believe by countless ministers, (and certain rubbish books), that the A.V is supported by inferior manuscripts, what they don't realise is that certain critics have called inferior manuscripts those that make up the majority that support the A.V.

Westcott and Hort were denying to the Majority Text any claim to represent the actual form of the Original. They had decided that the mysterious Vaticanus was to have position over everything. While textual criticism was and is rejecting any claim of the Majority Text to represent the Original, they are still unable to explain its rise, it's comparative uniformity, and it's dominance in a way that satisfies. The point is, these factors can be accounted for, if the Majority Text is representative of a continuous transmission of the Original.

Of course Westcott and Hort and their modern day disciples don't like this. However, when we look at the ancient records of the manuscript tradition of an old book, they usually multiply in a regular fashion. The result of this is that the copies nearest the original will normally be the most in number. The Majority Text, on which the A.V/KJV is based, has the best claim by far to be regarded as an authentic representative of the Original. Further, this point is independent of scholarly conjectures about 'readings' etc, because it is based on the objective reality of its dominance in the history of transmission of the New Testament Text. This dominance has not and cannot, (we believe), be explained. Certainly New Testament textual criticism has given no objectively verifiable reason to reject the A.V/KJV.

The view popularised by Westcott and Hort that the Majority Text came from an ecclesiastical revision as long gone in the waste basket. Later scholars like Geerlings and Colwell were in agreement that a supposed revision was the work of the imagination. The great scholar Dean Burgon B.A, M.A, B.D who was a contemporary of Westcott and Hort, (and who we have yet to meet), scoffed at the revision idea.

When these various sandcastles started to get washed away, the critics resorted to evolutionary process over time. Ah yes, TIME, the answer to every problem when scholars ran out of sense. However, the Majority Text is quite uniform in character with low amounts of variation between its major representatives. No one has sensibly explained, how a long slow process (evolution), that was (supposedly) over centuries as well as

covering a wide geographical area, plus a large amount of copyists who probably knew nothing of the state of the text outside of where they lived, were able to achieve a widespread uniformity out of the diversity presented by the earlier forms of the text.

Dean Burgon appealed to the realisation that the New Testament is the Word of God and therefore must be handled differently to other documents. He states, 'The Holy Scriptures are not an arena for the exercise or display of the ingenuity of critics'. Hort's conclusions time after time are entirely subjective, often seen in his use of phrases like, 'if such there be', Darwin in his writings uses nebulous terms. Westcott and Hort rely on the argument from silence and it is a silence that kills their theory DEAD. As Dr Scrivener said, 'Dr Hort's system, therefore, is entirely destitute of historical foundation'.

One thing is for sure, Vaticanus and the Majority Text cannot both be right. Think for a moment, if the Majority Text is say at least as old as Vaticanus, (and Hort admits that), why is the authority of Vaticanus, (one manuscript), to take precedence over a huge amount of manuscripts, versions, lexionaries and Church Fathers which support the Majority Text.

We are very aware that the Westcott and Hort theory has dominated the field of New Testament textual criticism for a long time now, (like Darwin's theory has in science), however, there were hugely learned men at that time who rejected it, (as with Darwinism) the modern student, (if they even know), might think the theory sacrosanct. Again, like Darwin's theory students think it irrefutable.

To defend the A.V today is to be labelled either a fool or a bigot. That silences most preachers for a start. Well, this is about the Truth of God's Word, not honours, position, acceptability, praise etc. I am warning you, whoever or whatever you are in the Church, that modern bibles are corrupt.

Well, let's close with a little test (homework), take out your modern bible and see if it has three important verses.

1. 2 Tim 2v15

2. 1 Tim 6v20
3. 2 Cor 2v17

Not there? Of course if you don't have an A.V. you may not know what they say. You better find out. Don't allow 'scholars' to steal your inheritance in Christ.

God bless

Dr David Badger

He Came To Fulfil

The incarnation of Our Lord Jesus fulfilled numerous Old Testament prophecies to such stunning accuracy, that it is a tremendous witness that Jesus is the Son of God.



Whilst many Christian articles are rightly loaded with Scriptural references to support their observations and points, most readers do not ever check these references. On this instance though I do encourage you to read each reference as each one is a wonderful prophecy that Jesus Christ fulfilled that night in Bethlehem two thousand years ago.

Isaiah 7:14

Micah 5:2-4

Isaiah 11:1

Jeremiah 23:5

Jeremiah 31:15

Hosea 11:1

Numbers 24:17

Isaiah 9:6-7

These verses are but a handful of Old Testament Scripture that Jesus went on to fulfil to completion in His earthly ministry. Indeed some scholars believe that there are over five hundred Old Testament verses that point forwards to the incarnation, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. Certainly a conservative estimate still rests at over 300 prophecies fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

For one man to fulfil hundreds of separate prophecies given by dozens of different prophets over centuries of time over a wide geographical area, can only point to the simple fact that Jesus was no ordinary man. This is the amazingly unique claim of Jesus Christ and Christianity, that He alone is capable of fulfilling hundreds of such differing prophecies to absolute accuracy, something that all other pretenders to His throne dare not claim for awareness of being discovered as imposters and frauds.

Even though He came into this world in poverty, He was heralded by hundreds of hopeful prophecies that proclaimed His eternal Kingship to all who would hear the call of His arrival. Ensure that you are ready to hear His call this Christmas time, and see how His humble birth was held in the heart of God for all eternity, knowing that by Him and through Him, you might know the full revelation of God, and gain eternal life.

By Jonathan Badger

The Poor Man's Earl

At this time of year we marvel (although this should be a constant state of heart for all believers) at how Our Lord Jesus set aside His glory and majesty for a season. This He did so that He might take on flesh and blood of man, becoming the last Adam, fulfilling a sinless life that the first Adam failed to do thus bringing sin into all Creation. Then He offered this sinless life as a perfect offering for the sins of man, so that

those who believed on Him might be gifted eternal life through His eternal righteousness.

This staggering act of the King of Kings putting aside His worthy glory for the good of such poor, pitiful souls as we, was wonderfully reflected in the life of the 6th Earl of Shaftesbury in the 19th century. Born Anthony Ashley Cooper in 1801, this young boy, though enjoying all the comforts of aristocratic life, he was passed off by his parents into the care of the house keeper, Maria Mills. Under her attentive care, young Anthony was taught the power and beauty of the Bible, faith in Christ and earnest prayer. Through this devoted tutelage from Miss Mills, Anthony became a committed Christian in his teenage years. This solid foundation in the saving grace of Jesus Christ served him well in the next forty years of his life as he became a civic leader and Member of Parliament, along with being an active evangelist within the Anglican Church.

Lord Shaftesbury (our once young Anthony) became deeply concerned about the terrible working conditions of young boys in England who were used as chimney sweeps for the large Victorian chimneys of the era. These young lads would be sent to climb up inside the soot encrusted chimneys to clean from within. The foul air they breathed in caused many deadly illnesses in the boys and some young lads would get stuck inside the tight chimneys and die a tragic, lonely death.

Lord Shaftesbury pushed through a parliamentary Bill in 1840 that banned such brutal employment of young boys. This ban was only enforced in London however, with other regions neglecting this law. However after 35 years of lobbying, Lord Shaftesbury ensured that the ban became nationally enforced via the Chimney Sweepers Act of 1875.

In that same year, Lord Shaftesbury went to be with the Lord; his labour for Christ was done and he was called home to enjoy eternal rest. His passing prompted much public sadness, with a public memorial, a statue of Anteros – the Angel of Christian charity, erected in his honour at Piccadilly Circus.

Lord Shaftesbury could have settled for a life of lavish comfort and stress free living. Instead he chose to use his privileged position to labour intensely for decades for the good of those who are weak and forgotten by society. This tremendous personal sacrifice was and still stands today as a wonderful reflection of the sacrifice Christ Jesus made, when He set aside His glory and majesty, so that He might come and live amongst us, experiencing all the sadnesses and hardships of this life, out of His divine compassion for fallen man. Now risen in all glory, sat at the right hand of the Father, He prays for His own, knowing our infirmities (Hebrews 4:15) and extending His eternal grace towards the repentant, believing heart.

By Jonathan Badger

Educate Your Children in God's Truth

Answers In Genesis is a company that my husband (editor of this magazine) often mentions in the resource centre. It has an absolute wealth of resources from books to DVD's and has what seems to be an incredible creation museum (sadly in the United States of America and not here in the United Kingdom), and an Ark encounter too. How I would absolutely love to take my children to these places and share such wonderful knowledge and news of the Lord with them in person and not just through the television or the internet. Being taught the truth is something children sadly do not receive in the curriculum here in the UK, instead they are taught such lies that we evolved from apes and that the world is millions of years old, along with dinosaurs living some 60 plus million years ago. It is up to us as parents, and family relations to teach our children the truth and to show them that God's words are the only words we can trust. Psalms 33:4, For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

This is why when I received a couple of Ken Ham, (founder and CEO of Answers In Genesis), emails within a week about children visiting their museums and new resources being available for children, I was thrilled. Another one of his daily emails was about a child, who was in the

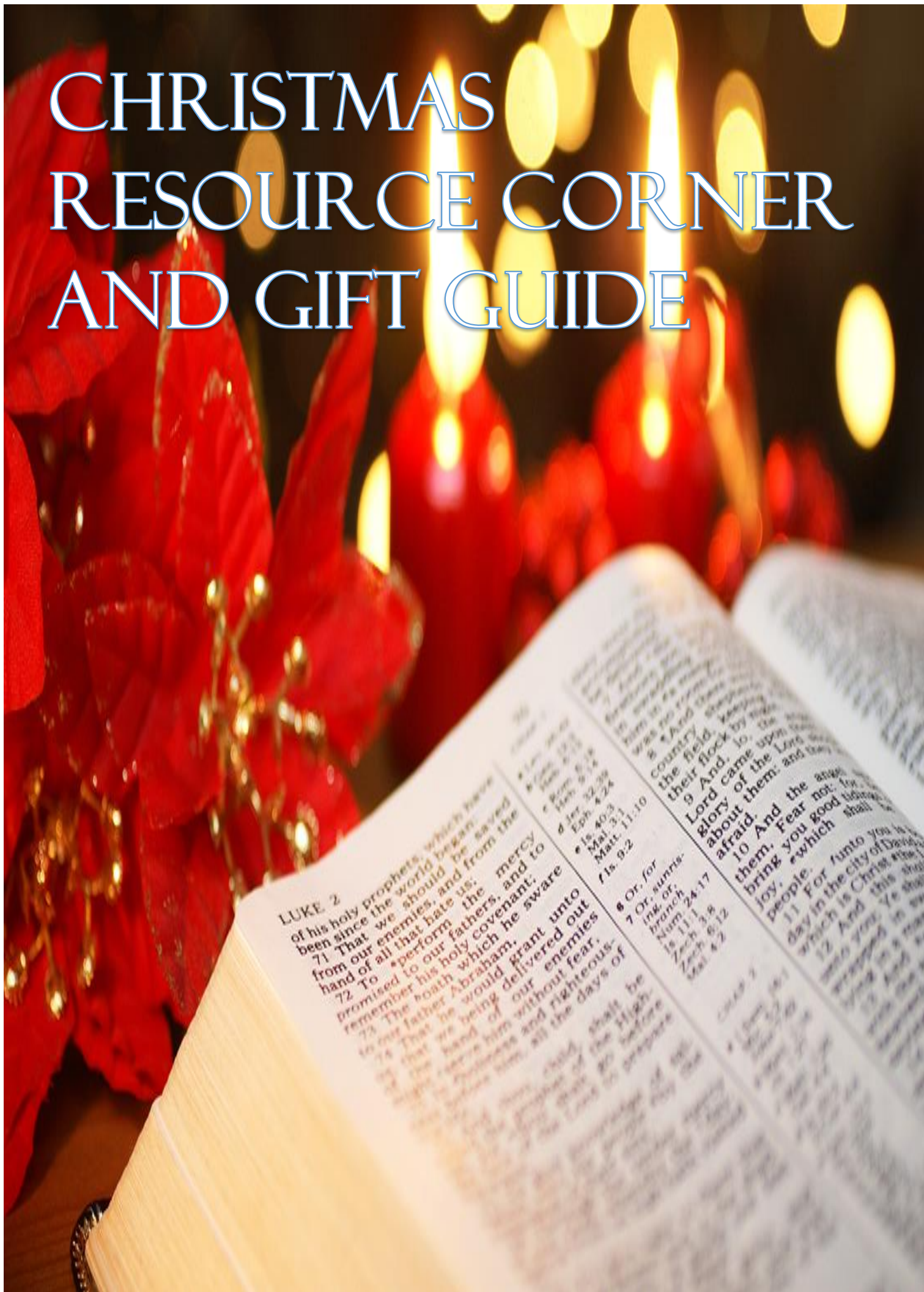
audience at one of his talks/conferences, writing in to Answers In Genesis defending her faith and saying, 'How can anyone not believe the truth when it is all around us?'. She used the biblical quote of we are all without excuse. **Romans 1:20, For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

My eldest daughter, only 7 years of age at the time, did this very thing in a lesson with her then teacher, in fact during several lessons - when the teacher spoke about millions of years and evolution. She spoke up in front of the whole class and said the truth about how we have/did not evolve from apes and that God made the world and man, beginning with Adam and Eve. She then one year later went on to do a similar thing the following year with another teacher. This time he called her back one break time and asked her questions about her faith and what she believed. That end of year my husband and I were watching our daughter in a school show and he was in the audience watching as well. He said such lovely words to us that we will never forget. It certainly seems like our daughters words to him made him think about things - the most important thing in life - where did you come from and where are you going?

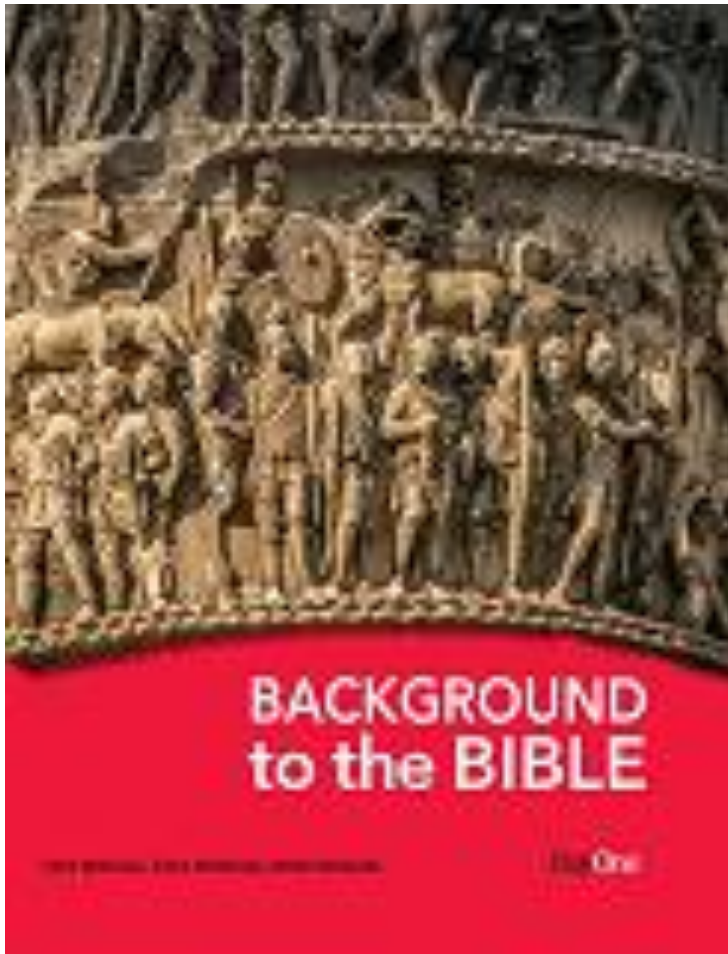
Too many people give the excuse that they did/do not know. There is absolutely no excuse at all. The evidence is all there, we just need to want to find it. Ask for your eyes to be opened (fully), ask for your heart to be put on fire for the Lord, (most certainly not lukewarm) - The Lord will spit you out if you are lukewarm – Revelation 3:16, **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.** When we are given the task to educate our children, let's educate them in the truth, because if you knowingly lead another life down the wrong path then you will answer to the Lord even more sternly so than even for yourself. HE will rightfully judge you at your final hour. **Romans 14:12 - So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

By Donna Badger

CHRISTMAS RESOURCE CORNER AND GIFT GUIDE



Background to the Bible



Background to the Bible is a companion to the popular Evidence for the Bible that was published in 2014.

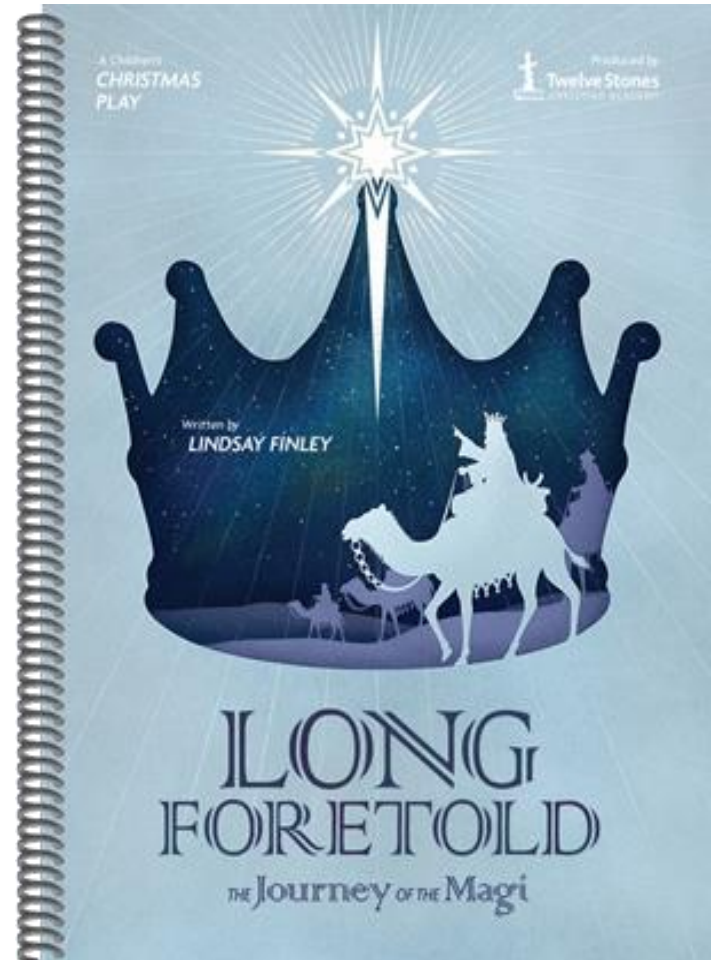
That publication could not possibly cover all the evidence supporting the trustworthiness of the biblical record, and new discoveries are constantly coming to light in the vigorous and enlightening science of archaeology related to the Bible.

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Long Foretold



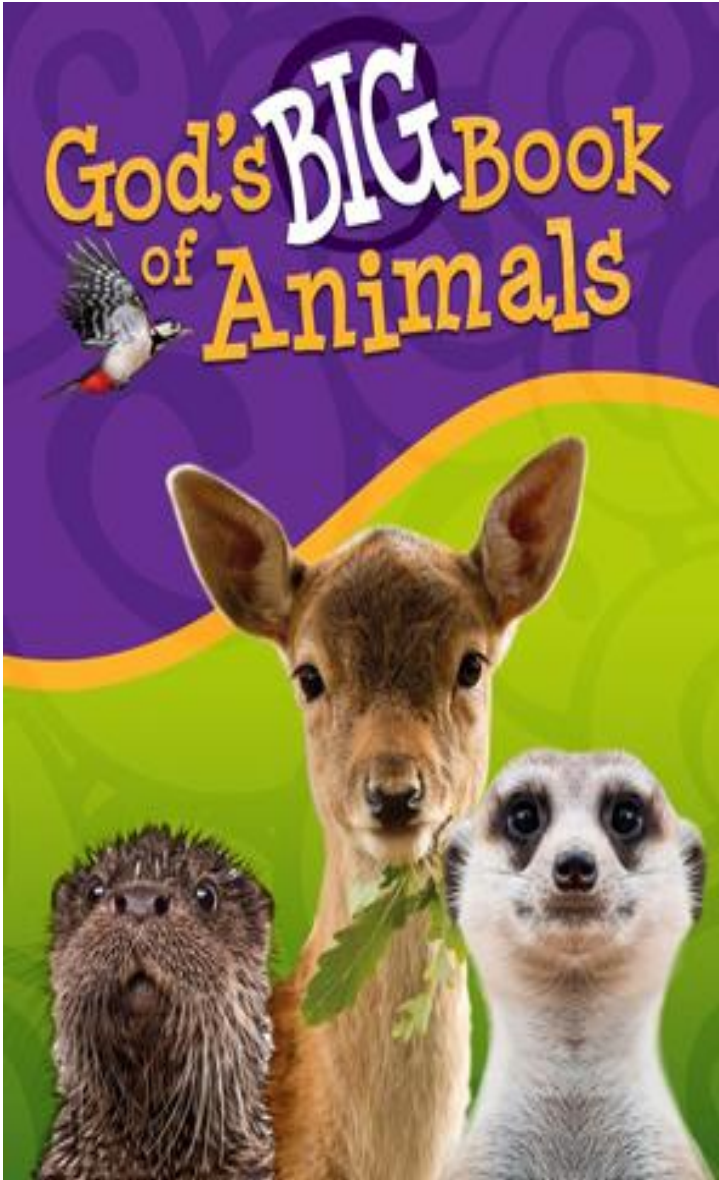
People commonly believe Christmas begins with the Saviour's arrival one starry night in Bethlehem. However, the truth is that Christmas was the culmination of a series of miraculous events long foretold.

In this delightful children's program, many questions are answered as the wise men discover the truth about the bright shining star they are following. Were these kings? How many were there? How did they know to look for the star? Were the wise men at the nativity? And most importantly, what was so special about this baby? To find the answers, we must look at what Scripture teaches . . . and we start in Genesis! Your church will love it!

Generous performance rights and free reproducible actor's script. 45-minute performance.

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God's Big Book of Animals

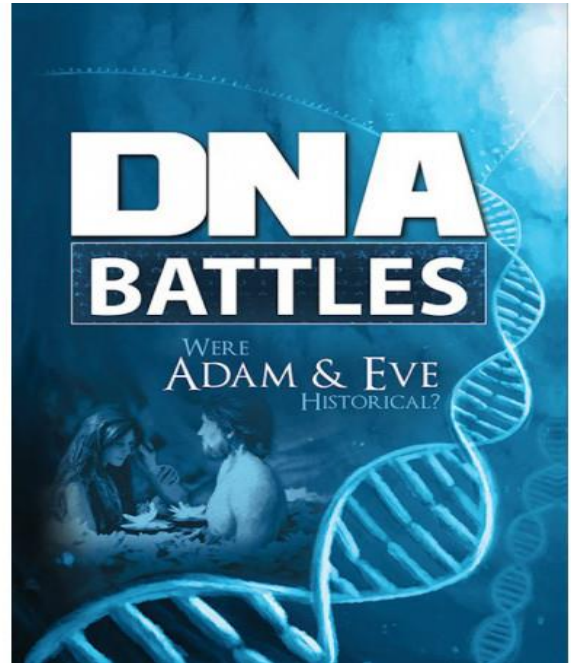


This fun filled book covering sixty of God's amazing animal creations is a great gift idea for older primary school/lower secondary school age children. It's bright and bold pictures draw in the curious young mind and answers intriguing questions like 'why don't woodpeckers get headaches?', and 'how octopuses change colour'.

Filled with humorous text that will get your child smiling as they learn of God's incredible designs within the animal kingdom.

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DNA Battles with Adam and Eve



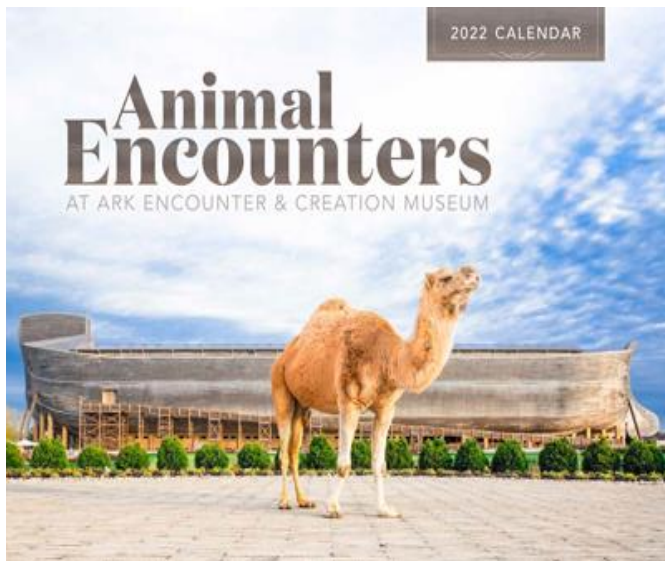
Is the history revealed to us in the Scriptures true? Were Adam & Eve real people? Were they the first two people or was there a population of hominids that just appeared on scene together at the same time?

The June, 2011 cover article in *Christianity Today* lays out several positions for the historicity of Adam and Eve. Francis Collins, director of the *National Institutes of Health*, started the *BioLogos Foundation*. BioLogos is leading the charge for the position that Adam and Eve, if they existed at all, were part of a collective of some 10,000 hominids.

The article states, "A BioLogos paper by Venema and Falk declares it more flatly: the human population, they say, 'was definitely never as small as two ... Our species diverged as a population. The data are absolutely clear on that.'"

But are the data as clear as they state? What has recent research revealed about mitochondrial DNA? Does recent research on nuclear DNA support evolutionary predictions? In this new DVD, hear what seven scientists and two theologians have to say about the evidence.

Animal Encounters Calendar 2022



Discover Amazing Animal Encounters
The Creation Museum and Ark Encounter invite you to discover some of God's most amazing creatures at our growing zoos. Greet our animal ambassadors at daily encounters, all while being equipped to answer many of the most difficult questions of our age.

NEW! Scan the QR Code feature each month. Use your mobile device camera app to scan the code on each page to watch free mini-shows about each amazing animal. All videos are hosted by our zookeepers at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. You'll also receive a link to view these videos on Answers.tv.

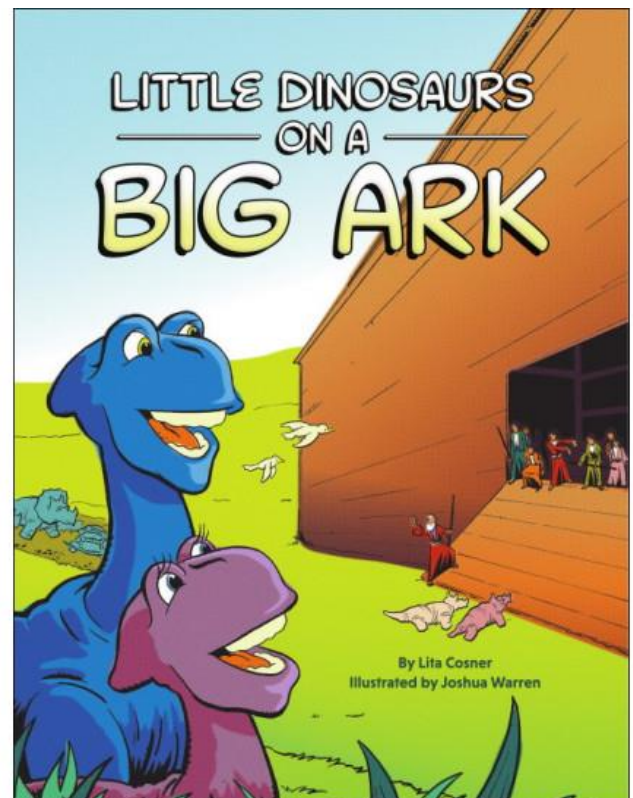
This 14-Month Calendar starts in December 2021. It is printed on thick, high-quality pages that fold out to big 12" x 18" spreads.

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Little Dinosaurs on a Big Ark

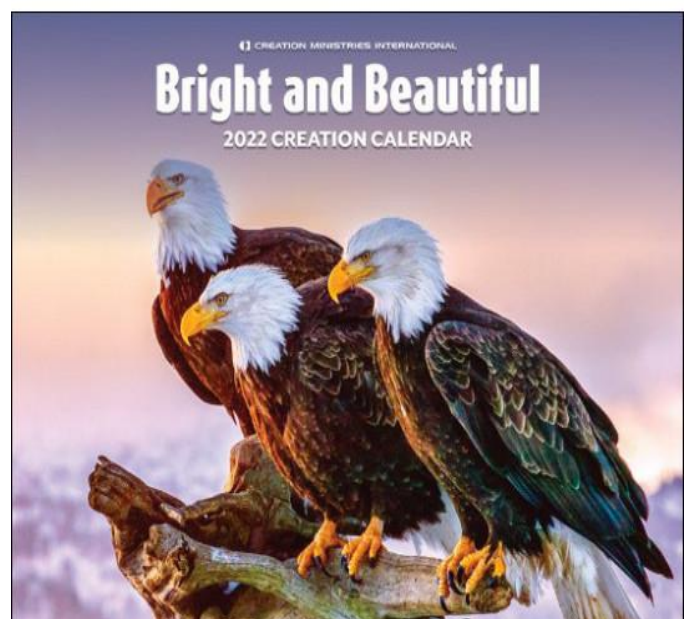
Little Dinosaurs on a Big Ark tells the true story of Noah's Flood through the eyes of two of its inhabitants—young sauropod dinosaurs! And along the way, many key teaching points are introduced. The Ark was a huge vessel that was big enough for all the animals, and most of those animals were fairly small. The Ark was not a fragile boat, but a sturdy vessel that was able to withstand the forces of the global Flood. And

most importantly of all, dinosaurs are not relegated to a theoretical 'land before time', but they existed alongside mankind and were on the Ark.



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Bright and Beautiful 2022 Calendar



I'm sure you will agree that we live in a bright and beautiful world, just like the old song says. The

reds and oranges of autumn, the blues of the northern night sky, and the patterned coat of a jaguar. Everywhere we see beauty: in a stunning landscape stretching into the distance, and the face of a squirrel greeting us from the forest.

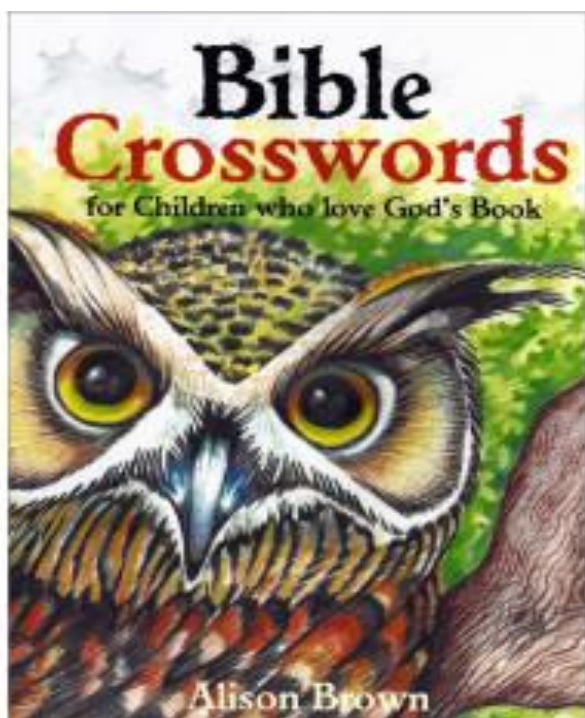
The amazing animals and birds that we see are not statues set in stone. No! They are living creatures that move and change. They have minds and personalities. They feed themselves, play, grow, reproduce, and raise their families.

Your 2022 *Bright and Beautiful Creation Calendar* captures the brightness and beauty of our world. Join with people around the world and hang it on your wall. Catch a glimpse of the power and glory of our Creator God, all year through.

As an added bonus you can bless your friends and loved ones with a Creation Calendar. It's a gift that people appreciate and love. Plus, all through the year it will remind them of *you*, and of the bigger joys of life.

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Bible Crosswords (For Kids)

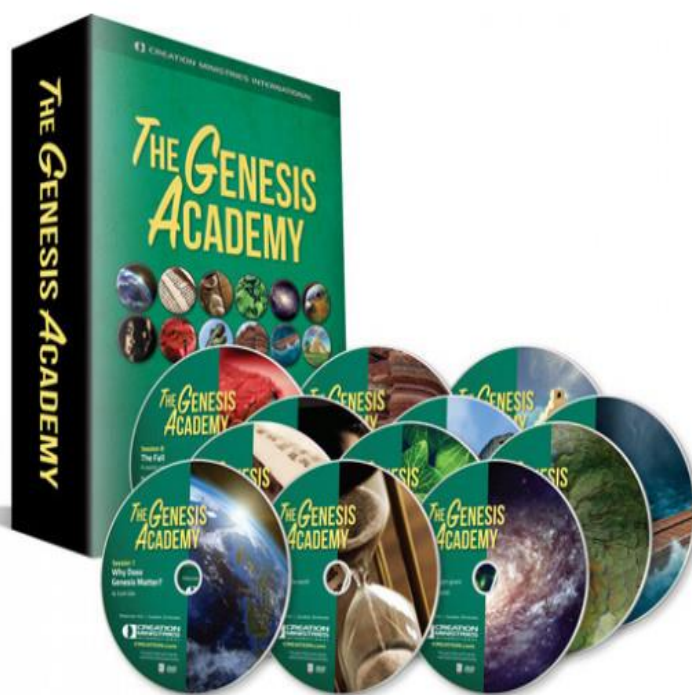


The crosswords are based on a wide variety of biblical topics and characters, and are simplified

by the fact that all the answers in each puzzle begin with the same letter. The child-friendly layout includes large, relevant, monochrome illustrations on every page (and answers provided at the back). Children are encouraged to use the Scripture references supplied for the more difficult questions, making this a very useful activity book for Sunday School, Children's Club, the home or even a stocking filler!

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The Genesis Academy



A 12 DVD boxed set for teaching and equipping on the foundational Genesis 1–11 passages.

- Featuring CMI speakers Dr Jonathan Sarfati, Dr Robert Carter, Gary Bates, Scott Gillis, Joel Tay and Keaton Halley.
- All sessions are no more than 40 minutes in length.
- Contains great visuals including stunning graphics, animations and footage.
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- Free online study guide available. You can print as many study guides as needed.

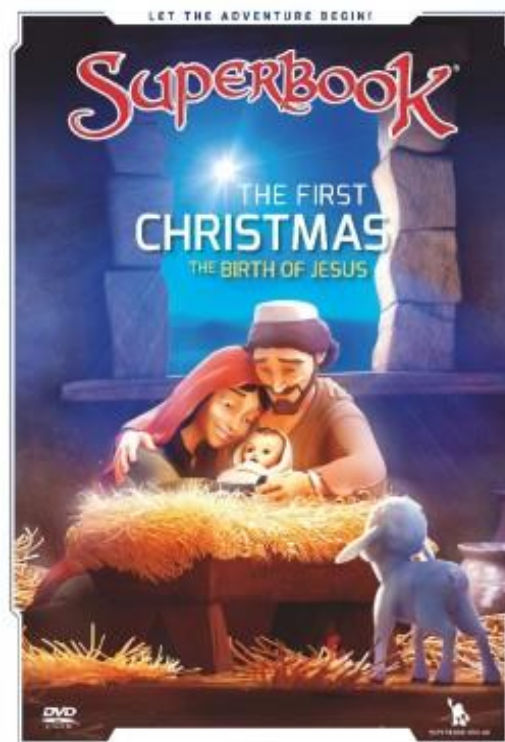
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9. *The Pre-Flood World* • Jonathan Sarfati
10. *Noah's Flood and Billions of Years* • Rob Carter
11. *Noah's Flood and the Ark* • Keaton Halley
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Super book – The Birth of Jesus



Join the adventure as Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to the hills of ancient Bethlehem. Witness Mary and Joseph's frantic search for lodging before their baby is born. Uncover a wicked plot that puts Jesus' family in danger. Experience the wonder as a majestic choir of angels heralds the newborn King lying in a humble manger. Gather your family and get ready for an exciting journey as our heroes learn that the true meaning of Christmas is far greater than parties and presents.

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Daniel in the Lion's Den (Book & toy)



A lovely little gift set containing the book Daniel in the Lion's Den and a soft lion cuddly toy. This charming set is a great gift for little children as they will love playing with their furry friend whilst they hear of God's miraculous provision in keeping Daniel safe in the Lion's den!

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Bible Verse Coffee Cups



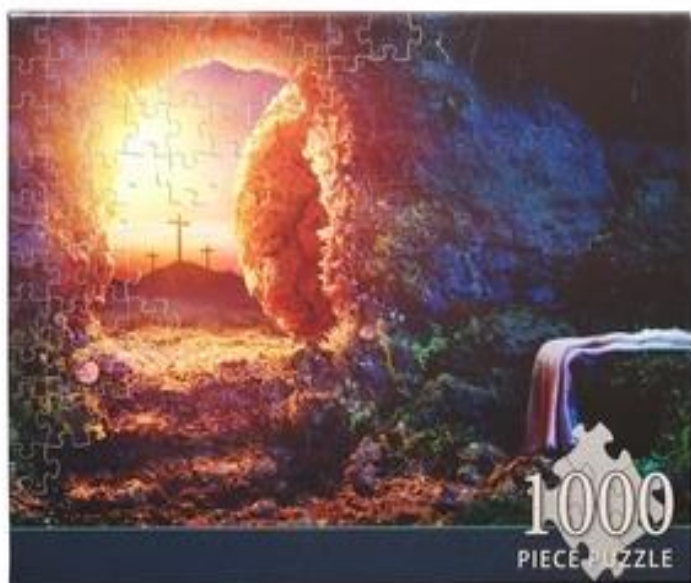
Who doesn't like a cup of tea or coffee to start the day? This pretty cup is adorned with beautiful script from Lamentations 3:22-23, and serves as a daily reminder that day is a gift from God and that our usual morning grumbles should be replaced with joy and thanksgiving unto God.

This little cup can also act as a silent witness in the staff room whilst at work as eyes will be drawn to the words written on its side.

Other designs and verses are available but be careful to check that the verses are correct readings from the KJV/AV Bible.

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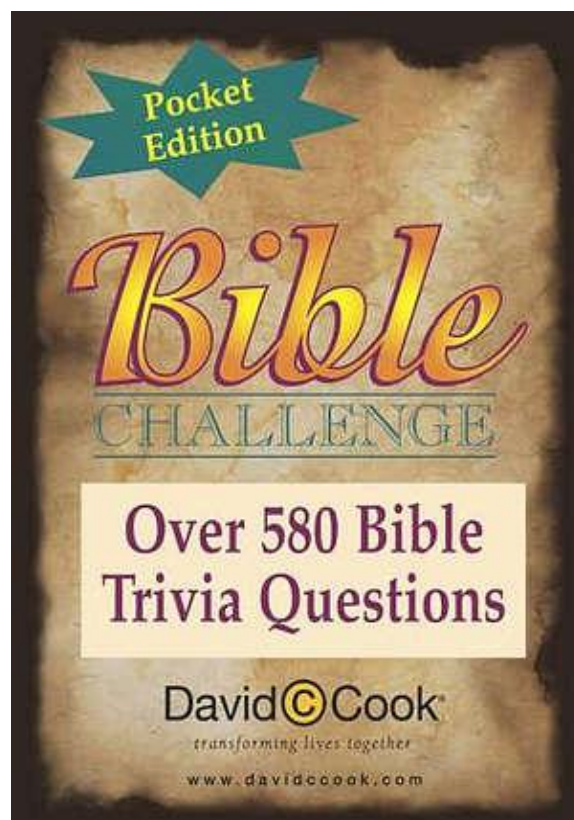
Resurrection Morning Puzzle



Celebrate the resurrection of Christ as you contemplate the event's details while putting together The Resurrection 1000-piece Jigsaw Puzzle. The beautiful artwork on the jigsaw puzzle will bring the Resurrection to life in your heart at the same time this image takes shape on the table before you.

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Bible Challenge Trivia



A great travel friendly game to get the grey cells working this Christmas and bring everyone together to further and test their knowledge of the Bible. This set contains a total of over 580 trivia questions from the following Bible categories:

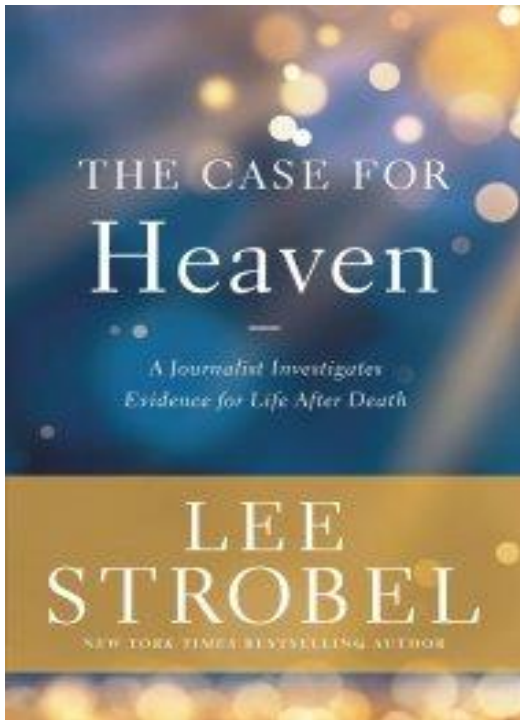
- New Testament Characters
- Old Testament Characters
- Objects and Events
- Places
- Numbers
- General

A perfect addition to popular trivia board games or for anytime anywhere pocket fun... with a plus!

Great Travel Fun for Ages 12+

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The Case For Heaven



Bestselling and award-winning author Lee Strobel interviews experts about the evidence for the afterlife and offers credible answers to the most provocative questions about what happens when we die, near-death experiences, heaven, and hell.

We all want to know what awaits us on the other side of death, but is there any reliable evidence that there is life after death? Investigative author Lee Strobel offers a lively and compelling study into one of the most provocative topics of our day.

Through fascinating conversations with respected scholars and experts--a neuroscientist from Cambridge University, a researcher who analysed a thousand accounts of near-death experiences, and an atheist-turned-Christian-philosopher--Strobel offers compelling reasons for why death is not the end of our existence but a transition to an exciting world to come. Looking at biblical accounts, Strobel unfolds what awaits us after we take our last breath and answers questions like:

- Is there an afterlife?
- What is heaven like?

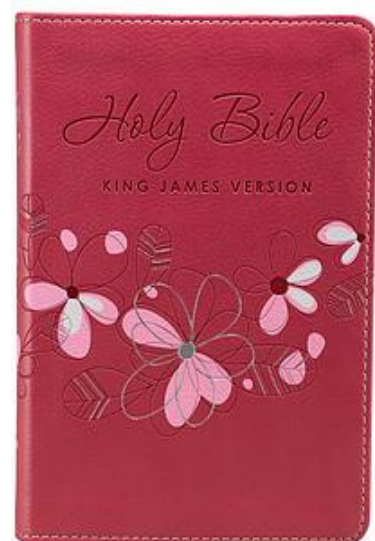
- How will we spend our time there?
- And what does it mean to see God face to face?

With a balanced approach, Strobel examines the alternative of Hell and the logic of damnation, and gives a careful look at reincarnation, universalism, the exclusivity claims of Christ, and other issues related to the topic of life after death. With vulnerability, Strobel shares the experience of how he nearly died years ago and how the reality of death can shape our lives and faith.

Follow Strobel on this journey of discovery of the entirely credible, believable, and exhilarating life to come.

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Holy Bible KJV Pocket Edition

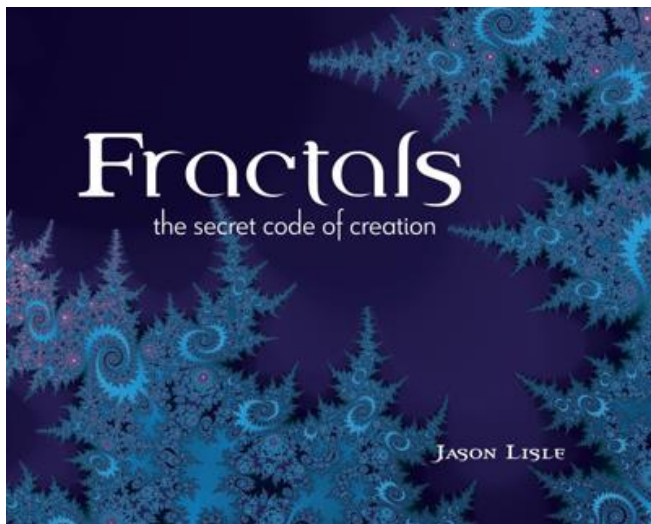


Design features include debossed cover title and motifs with silver foil accents, and silver gilt-edged pages. Inside, you'll find a helpful Scripture verse finder, reader-friendly subheadings, a double-column format, a one-year Bible reading plan and an attached ribbon page marker.

Our handy pocket-sized edition Bibles are easy to slip into a purse, pocket or backpack. Also perfect for the nightstand.

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Fractals – the secret code of creation



Man did not invent the laws of mathematics but rather has been continually surprised by mathematical discoveries throughout history. Numbers didn't evolve either, so how can secular thinking make sense of these shapes? Zoom in on the details in this book packed with stunning full-color images of math's secret code... fractals!

What if mathematicians discovered a secret code embedded in math disclosing an amazing work of art hidden in the numbers? Just such a code of astounding beauty was discovered in the 1980s. The artworks displayed in this book have always existed, built into the numbers at creation. Dr. Lisle suggests that only the Christian worldview can make sense of this secret code. As such, the images in this book are a demonstration of the truth of that worldview.

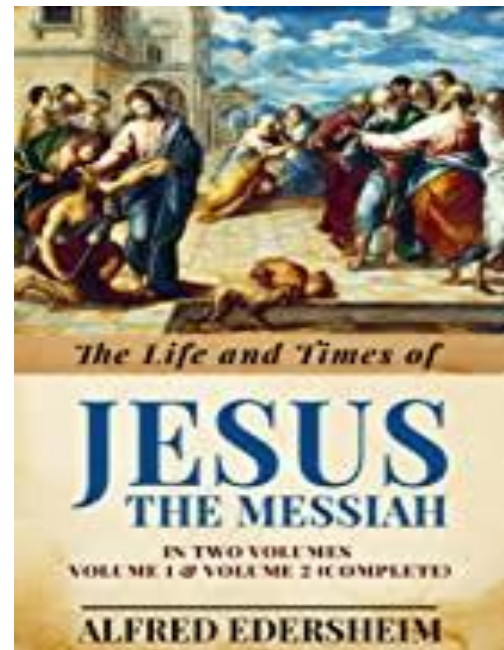
Fractals: the secret code of creation will zoom you in on the details as you discover:

- Even abstract concepts like numbers could not exist apart from God.
- The beauty of God's design and creation are displayed through full-colour representations of numbers.

- The Christian worldview makes sense of mathematics and mathematical properties.

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The Life and Times of Jesus The Messiah



One of the best known and most important references on the life of Christ ever written, Alfred Edersheim's *The Life And Times of Jesus The Messiah* is a storehouse of information on the background of the New Testament. This classic work successfully portrays the streets, the marketplaces, the religious conflicts, the people and the places of Jesus' earthly ministry.

This double volume is divided into five sections:

- Book 1 – The Preparation for the Gospel
- Book 2 – From Bethlehem to Judaea
- Book 3 – From Jordan to the Mount of Transfiguration
- Book 4 – The Descent into the Valley of Humiliation
- Book 5 – The Cross and the Crown

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*And the Word was
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Jesus Christ, The Word, by whom all Creation was made, came and dwelt among us as a man so that He might become a perfect, sinless sacrifice for our sins.

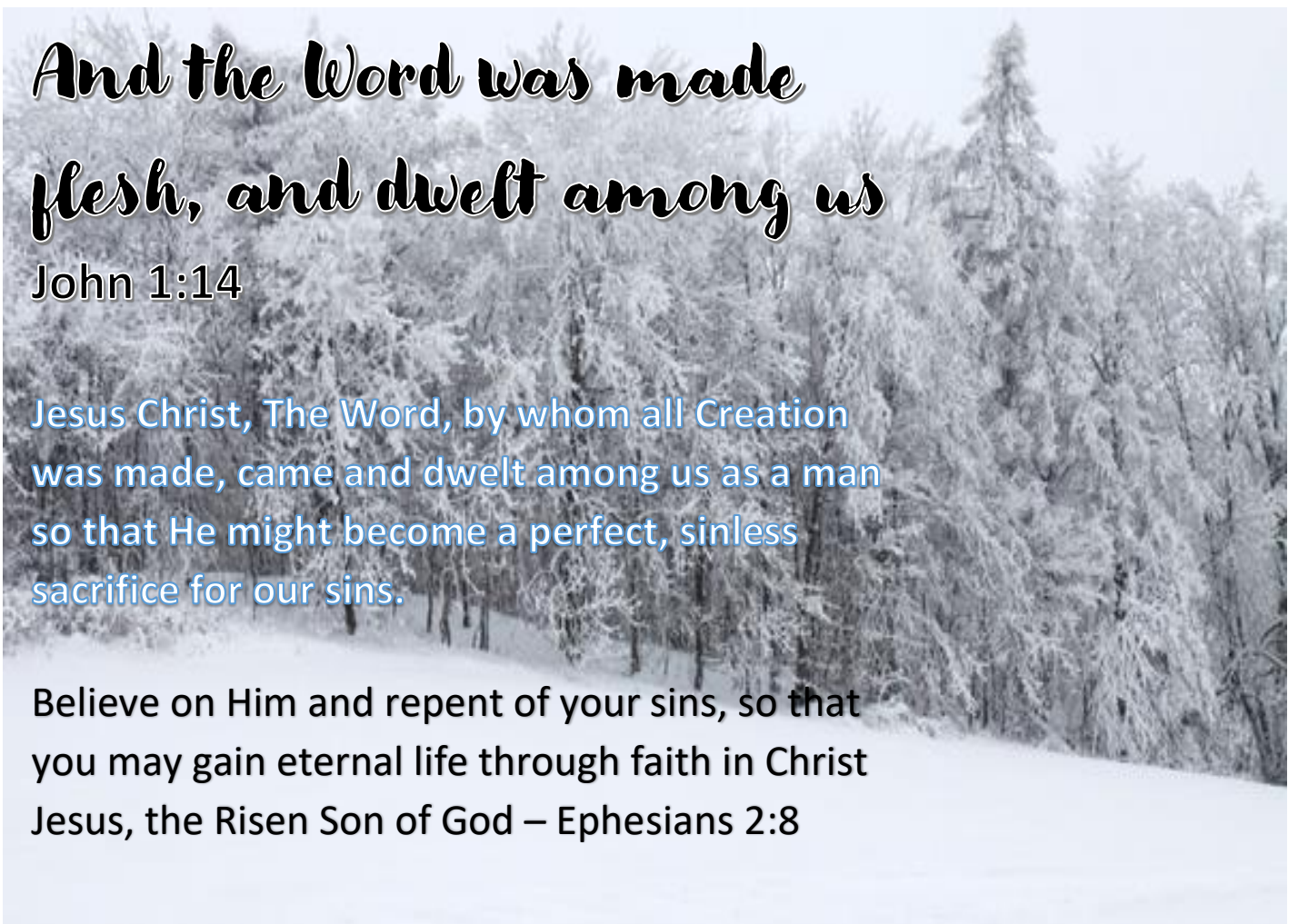
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Christmas Bible Quiz Corner

Bumper Bible Quiz

Christmas Wordsearch

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Words to find: Nativity, Census, Christ, Bethlehem, Inn, Angels, Egypt, Shepherds, Star, Worship

Who Am I?

- 1) I was a 'just man'.
- 2) My father was Jacob.
- 3) I had a dream.
- 4) I was good with my hands.
- 5) King David was an ancestor of mine.
- 6) I took my family to Egypt.
- 7) My action in faith fulfilled a prophecy by Jeremiah the prophet.
- 8) I was afraid of Archelaus.
- 9) I went to Nazareth.
- 10) I cared for the Son of God.



Bethlehem at Christmas

Answer: I am Joseph

- 1) Was Boaz an ancestor of Jesus?
- 2) Solomon was part of the lineage of Jesus, but who was Solomon's mother?
- 3) How many generations are there between Abraham and Jesus?
- 4) Name as many individuals from the lineage of Jesus as you can.
- 5) Why was Joseph (of Mary and Joseph) called a 'just man'?
- 6) Does the lineage of Jesus as laid out in Matthew 1 say 'And Joseph begat Jesus' as it does with previous generations?
- 7) What does the name Jesus mean?
- 8) What Old Testament name is Jesus equivalent to?
- 9) Which prophet prophesied that Jesus would be born of a virgin?
- 10) What does the name Emmanuel mean?
- 11) How many wise men came from the East?
- 12) Which Old Testament prophet prophesied that The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?
- 13) In which book of the Pentateuch is the promised "Star out of Jacob" spoken of?
- 14) What did God warn the wise men of in a dream after they had found and worshipped the infant Jesus?
- 15) Did the wise men visit Jesus whilst He was a newborn in a stable?
- 16) What did the three gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh represent?
- 17) What time of day did Joseph, Mary and Jesus flee to Egypt to escape Herod's command to kill all two year olds and under?
- 18) Which prophet spoke of Rachel weeping for her children?
- 19) Who succeeded Herod as King of Judaea?
- 20) Who was Mary's cousin?
- 21) What did the infant John the Baptist do in his mother's womb when the expectant Mary approached?
- 22) How long did Mary stay with her cousin?
- 23) Which Caesar sent out the decree for a census?
- 24) Who was Cyrenius?
- 25) Why did Joseph have to go to Bethlehem for the census?

- 26) Did one angel or a multitude of angels appear to the shepherds at the birth of Christ?
- 27) Finish the verse: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace...."
- 28) What did the shepherds do after they had seen the Lord Jesus?
- 29) According to Luke 2:19, what did Mary do after the miraculous birth and worship of the shepherds unto Jesus?
- 30) How many days after his fleshly birth was Jesus circumcised?



Answers

- 1) Yes. 2) Bathsheba. 3) 42 generations. 4) Refer to Matthew 1 – a point a name. 5) Because he hid away the expecting Mary from prying public gossip and slander. 6) No, it says 'of whom'. 7) Jehovah saves. 8) Joshua. 9) Isaiah. 10) God with us. 11) We do not know, 3 is a popular idea according to the number of gifts given to Jesus. 12) Micah. 13) Numbers. 14) To return to their country a different way to avoid Herod. 15) No, they visited Him in a "house". 16) Gold – kingship of Christ, Frankincense- priestly role of Christ, Myrrh – His coming death for sins of man. 17) Night 18) Jeremiah. 19) Archelaus. 20) Elizabeth. 21) He leaped for joy.. 22) 3 months. 23) Augustus 24) Governor of Syria. 25) He was of the royal line of David. 26) Both, first the Angel of the Lord appeared and then a whole multitude. 27) good will toward men. 28) Went and spread the news – evangelised! 29) "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19. 30) 8.

Who Am I? Round 2

- 1) I made a deal with Rome
- 2) I always wanted to rule over my own people
- 3) I was half Jewish
- 4) I caused great lost
- 5) I was scared about a threat to my throne
- 6) I wanted Jesus dead
- 7) I was a 'threat' to Jesus
- 8) I sent some wise men on their way
- 9) I was King when he was born
- 10) I killed all in boys in Bethlehem that were under 2



Word Search – Round 2

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Words To Find

Christmas. Mary
 Jesus. Wisemen
 Emmanuel. Gold
 Messiah. Myrrh
 Joseph. Angels

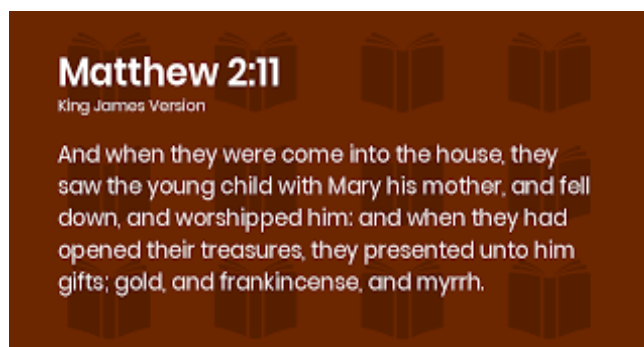
Answer to Who Am I? I am Herod

A Final Thought

Matthew 2:11 *And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him*

At this festive time of the year, as we consider the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, there is much that we can learn from the typical Nativity scene, not least from the wise men who famously followed a star from the East, in search of the prophesied King of the Jews. What might well grab our attention is the tremendous reverence these men showed to one who was, at a glance, a mere new-born infant. Consider the station of the wise men themselves. Judging by their scriptural knowledge and extravagant gifts, it seems clear these were exceptionally learned and wealthy men. Both knowledge and money are highly esteemed and coveted after by worldly people, are they not? How easy it would have been for the wise men to, instead of embarking on the great journey west, simply be puffed up in their own self-righteousness and seek acclaim from their contemporaries at home. Instead, the wisdom of these men is clearly displayed as they recognise, in the figure of a vulnerable infant, the Lord Himself incarnate, who had come to be made flesh and dwell among us (John 1:14). As we consider the scene of our Lord and Saviour being born in the manger at Bethlehem, do we have the wisdom to recognise that all of our worldly possessions and gifts are purely of His giving, and are we therefore moved to praise Him unreservedly for His amazing grace? Do we, as we think on our Lord's humble infancy, fall down and worship him, as the wise men so fittingly did? The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Psalm 111:10); whatever heights we may achieve in life, and whatever earthly joys we may attain, we must always be moved to praise and revere our Lord who was born in the flesh, lived the sinless life we're not capable of, died the death that we deserve on the cross, and rose again on the third day to conquer that last enemy, death (1 Corinthians 15:26), so that through simple, childlike faith in Him, we might attain everlasting life.

By John Sivewright



Printable Extra Large Christmas Bookmark

Truth To Wonder



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

[Luke 2:11](#)

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

[Matthew 1:22-23](#)

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

[Isaiah 7:14](#)

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

[Micah 5:2](#)

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