

Finding Love in Our Differences Note Answers

Luke 2:1-7

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Main Point: God's love gives life to others.

The How: God used a _____ ruler to get Jesus to Bethlehem.

1. God moved a Roman emperor to declare a census for the _____ world.
2. Joseph was from the family of David which meant he had to go to _____ to register.

The Where: Jesus had to be born in Bethlehem to _____ Scripture (Micah 5:2)

1. What better place for the bread of life to be born than in Bethlehem, the "House of _____?"
2. Don't miss the symbolism of the Bread of Heaven being born in a _____ trough (John 6:51).

The What: Christianity is an _____ faith.

1. Our faith is based on _____, not fiction.
2. Both the birth and death of Christ can be established at a pinpointed time in world _____.
3. It was an _____ birth
4. A _____ son (Matthew 12:46-47, 13:55, Mark 3:31-33, Luke 8:19-20, John 2:12, 7:3-10).
5. Wrapped in _____.
 - Newborns were commonly wrapped tightly in strips of cloth to keep them warm and _____.
 - The baby wrapped in cloths was to be a _____ to the shepherds they found the right baby.
 - Shepherds often wrapped baby _____ in swaddling clothes.
 - Jesus was the _____ of God (John 1:29).
6. Placed in a _____.
 - The place where Jesus was born was well-known to the _____.
 - It was a rough-hewn feeding trough, showing us his _____ birth.

No Room in the Inn

1. Mary needed a place quickly, so they looked for vacancy in an inn.
2. Since Bethlehem was so close to _____, it stands to reason there was no vacancy.

John 3:16 is the ultimate verse and theme of the entire Bible

1. The ultimate _____.
 - *For* introduces a cause or clause and links this verse to what comes before.
 - During the time of Moses, the people experienced a plague of poisonous _____ as a result of provoking God.
 - All they had to do was look at a pole with a bronze _____ on it and they would live (John 3:14-15).
 - This ultimate declaration begins with _____.
 - *So* shows us God doesn't love a little, but a _____.
 - The word *love* is agape, which refers to an _____ covenant kind of love.
 - It a verb meaning it's a word of _____.
 - God love the _____ world.
 - This would have been a shock to Jewish listeners who thought God only loved them.
 - The Christmas drama is filled with _____.

2. The ultimate _____.
 - The next phrase reveals how God lavishly loves us by giving the _____ of His Son.
 - The word *gave* has the idea of _____ (2 Corinthians 9:15).
 - His only Son – Jesus is the “_____, one and only” Son.
 - We are called to put our _____ in the Father’s only Son.
3. The ultimate _____.
 - We need to _____ into Him.
 - He offers salvation to _____, which means you!
 - To *believe* means to, “trust in, _____ on and lean into.”
 - The idea is to _____ surrender to the Savior, to give yourself up to Him, to take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping.
 - Being good is not good enough because no one is good _____.
 - The only way for sinners to be saved is by _____ and receiving the Savior, by leaning on the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:12).
 - The offer is universal, but the application is _____ – salvation is only through Jesus Christ and is only applied for those who believe and receive Him.
4. The ultimate _____.
 - To *perish* means to be eternally _____ from God.
 - Hell is a place of eternal and conscious _____, described as a place of darkness, weeping, gnashing of teeth, eternal fire, and torment
 - *But* shows contrast. We don’t have to perish, but instead can have eternal _____.
 - Jesus was sent on a search and save mission. He didn’t come to condemn but to convert, not to destroy, but to _____ (John 3:17).
 - John 3:18 teaches...
 - If you believe in Christ, you will _____ be condemned.
 - If you don’t believe, you’re condemned _____.
 - *Have* means “to have and hold, to have in your hands” implying _____ possession (John 5:24).

Action Steps

1. As a conduit of God’s love, be intentional about giving _____ and hilariously to those in need.
2. Allow God’s love to help you _____ with those who bother you.
3. Give the love of God to someone who has sinned against you by _____ them this week.
4. Repent and _____ the greatest gift ever given.