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The Inn of Yourheart: A Short Christmas Story

By James Moriello

In God's strange providence, the eternal Son of God entered the world as a Babe in an environment devoid of worldly comforts. The masses had overwhelmed the ancestral home town of King David, so much so that lodging was scarce. Joseph and his very pregnant wife Mary had to settle for accommodations among the livestock, "because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). The world in that day had no place for Jesus. And so it is today. Let us journey in our mind's eye to a town called Christmas, which is also called Four Inns, because in Christmas, there are four inns: the inn called World, the inn called Flesh, the inn called Devil, and the inn called Yourheart. Surely Jesus Christ will not find room in the first three inns. But perhaps He will find room in the fourth. I sure hope He fares better in our town that He did two thousand years ago. Let us now take a look inside the inns of the town, and see



"There was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7)

what is happening there.

When one steps into the inn called World, it seems rather comfortable. People are "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage", just as they have

always done (Matthew 24:38). Over at the bar, many are "weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life" (Luke 21:34).

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Spiritual Fitness

By Joshua and Christina Correia

Numerous sport seasons are show-ased each night on television, much to the enjoyment of audiences everywhere. Whether it be during the season or even after it ends, the lives of the athletes are very unique. Constantly training at a gym with a trainer, and even on their own for their next big game, these athletes stop at nothing to accomplish the lifelong goal: to win it all. As Christians we should share a goal such as this one. However rather than work on our physical attributes, we need to work on our

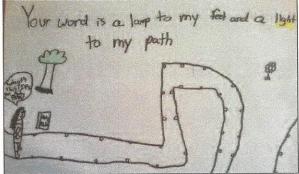
Happy Birthday, Jesus! Reflecting Upon His Birth

By Tanya Hay

Recently my daughter celebrated her twelfth birthday. I thought about her as a baby, how much she has grown, all of the joy she has given me, and what lies ahead in her future. Birthdays bring on so many emotions. For me, birthdays are always a reflective time. When it's a loved one's birthday, I always wish for health, happiness and many blessings for them. When its my birthday, I reflect on where I've come from, what experiences the year pro-vided, and what I'd like to see in the year to me. As I reflect, I remember being a child, being so excited to be a year older, to see what presents I'd get, and looking for-

ward to having a party to celebrate.

With Christmas coming I think about how the world portrays Christmas with 'shop, shop shop'. It's become so commer-cialized. I also think about its true mean-ing and what it is that we're celebrating. us' birthday is the reason for the season. It's the day we celebrate His birthday, a day for celebration and excitement. It's a time of wonder and feeling blessed. It's a time to be thankful for all that we have, and a time to look forward to what blessings He will provide in the year to come. He's al-ready given us life, the ability to read this newspaper, and countless other things. The excitement that we have for our earthly families is beautiful. How much more excitement should we have knowing that we



"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

are celebrating the entrance into the world of our God, the One who has given us everything? He has given us an earthly life, and for those who believe in Him, we have also been promised eternal life in heaven after this life is done. Let's remember to

celebrate and reflect on His birthday this Christmas. Keep Christ at the center of this blessed holiday. Praise Him. Thank Him. Join me by excitingly saying "Happy Birthday Jesus" on Christmas morning

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Taking Time for Jesus this Christmas

By Susan Moriello

During the busy Christmas season, we find surselves shopping for the right gifts, preparing the holiday meal, decorating the home, isiting family and friends, wrapping the pres ents, and still working plus continuing our daily routines. Why not take some time out to worship, pray, and celebrate the Savior's Birthday? Let us meet together for an hour to thank Him for all He has done for us. Take an hour and rest in Him, and join us for our first Christmas Concert at Firm on Friday, December 23rd from 7 pm to 8 pm! Let us celebrate His birth with songs of praise and worship! Invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and Alexander of the free coffee and cider. etc... Also enjoy the free coffee, apple cider, and light refreshments. Hope to see you there! Until next time, have a Blessed Thanksgiving, a Peaceful Christmas, and a Hopeful 2017!

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A Life Worth Living

By Cheryl Correia

Ladies, want a life worth living? Do you desire wisdom, understanding and knowledge? Ironically, despite all the 'how to books', and modern psychology, the best place for answers is the Word of God. Wisdom is foundational to healthy living. Like a house that does not fall is a woman who builds her life on the rock of Jesus. Sisters, we are this house. As we surrender our lives to Jesus, the Holy Spirit will live within us. We are complete and established in knowing we will live eternally with Him. With this knowledge we will live to glorify God as faithful sisters in the Lord. Proverbs 24:3 says, "Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches". Through wisdom a house is built. A woman's wisdom is obtained from a committed spiritual life. This is the key to a beautiful feminine character. God's word is your compass. Proverbs 2:2 says, "Incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding." God's word will guide you. Reverence for the Lord creates wisdom. "A woman who

fears the LORD, she shall be praised"
(Prov 31:30). The Bible will equip a
woman to make choices that will afect the rest of her life. Sisters, obtain
wisdom through daily reading of
cho God's Word and Bible studies. Like a



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"Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding" (Proverbs 2:2)

house built on a firm foundation, so is a woman with a committed spiri-tual life nourished on God's Word. So what have you built your life on? Set your life on understanding God's word and you will be established. God wants us to understand, and honor Him with our mind, body, and soul. He made us. He loves us. He wants us to be confident in who we are in Him. Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28). You see, sisters, our busy agendas weary us. We must understand that God's agenda will give us rest. "Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones" (Prov 3:7-8). Do not participate in unrighteousness. Desire to be holy and godly. Understanding who we are in Christ with quietness and confidence establishes strength and health through all aspects of ourselves.

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Are You Feeling a Bit Down this Christmas?

Submitted by Tanya Hay

We've all been there. We've all questioned, why me? Last month I went to an amusement park and noticed a man wearing a t-shirt. The t-shirt had a lot of words on it. It said:

Do You Seriously Think God Can't

Use You?
Noah was a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Leah was ugly
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer

anizer Rahab was a prostitute Jeremiah and Timothy were too young David had an affair and was a mur-

derer
Elijah was suicidal
Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
The disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
The Samaritan woman was divorced
Zacchaeus was too small
Paul was too religious
Timothy had an ulcer
Lazarus was dead

Wow! What an eye opener and a reminder that God can use any one of us! Remember that the next time you're feeling down. God loves you and can work through you no matter who you are! Amen.

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The Magnificat of Mary (Mary's Joyous Prayer of Rejoicing in God her Savior)

Luke 1:46-55

"And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

For He who is mighty has done great things for me,

And holy is His name.

And His mercy is on those who fear Him

From generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm:

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty

from their thrones,
And exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

And the rich He has sent away

Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 10 am on Cox Channel 18 and Verizon Channel 23, and also on Rhode Island Interconnect B Channel 14 every Wednesday at 3:30 pm.

Our mission is the Great Commission, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by any empty.

He has helped His servant Israel,

In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and to his seed forever.""



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"My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47)

and all means possible. Please call us or email us with your comments or questions.

"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Thankful for All Things Big and Small

He is good! For

His mercy en-

dures forever."

(Psalm 136:1)

By Tanya Hay

November is often a month associated with thankfulness. I'm guessing that is because November is the month of Thanksgiving. This Thanksgiving I have so much to be thankful for, big things and small things and many in between. I could fill pages and pages of things I'm thankful for, but today I want to express gratitude to the women of our

church. In particular to the women "Oh, give thanks who selflessly give their time and energy to the children in the church. I'm talking about the wonderful women who teach Sunday School at Firm Foundation Chris-

tian Church. Every Sunday during the sermon at our church they take the children and teach them a lesson that's broken down to their level. Each lesson is given with each woman's unique style. Recently the children learned how Jesus' word is a lamp to our feet. Susan (Mom), Cheryl, and Maureen, thank you for being a lamp to the children of our church's feet. I appreciate your outreach and dedication, the children love their lessons and learning more about Jesus, and God is smiling down on all of your efforts! Thank you, each and every one of you, for all you

A Thankful Scripture Reference: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26:
"1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for

He is good!

For His mercy endures forever. 2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!

For His mercy endures forever. 3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of

For His mercy endures forever:
4 To Him who alone does great wonders.

For His mercy endures forever;

to the LORD, for 5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,

For His mercy endures forever;

6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,

For His mercy

endures forever;
7 To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever-

8 The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; 9 The moon and stars to rule by night,

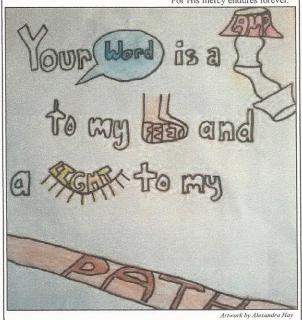
For His mercy endures forever. 23 Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever;

24 And rescued us from our ene

For His mercy endures forever; 25 Who gives food to all flesh,

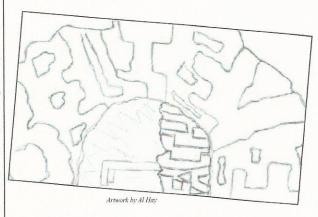
For His mercy endures forever. 26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!

For His mercy endures forever

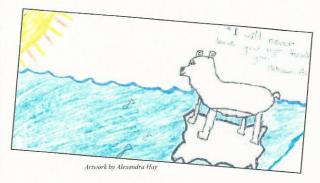


"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105)

Pictures from the Art Gallery!









Artwork by Susan Kirwan-Keer

The God For Every Moment



Happy moments, praise God Difficult moments, seek God Quiet moments, worship God Painful moments, trust God Every moment, THANK GOD!

A Life Worth Living, (Continued from Page 2)

Now that we have wisdom through a firm foundation in Christ, and understand how much we need and understand now much we need Him for our lives, we are able to apply this knowledge as fervent, faithful females. This knowledge will fill our lives with service, imi-tating Christ. "By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious tating Christ. "By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches" (Proverbs 24:4). Our body is a temple or house for the Holy Spirit. He fills us with the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). This will allow you, sisters, to care for yourself, your husband, your families and others. This produces precious and pleasant riches. Your family needs stability and security, and a holy life will demonstrate this. We are called to humble ourselves. "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal.6:9-10). As women, we have a unique role and influence. As co-heirs to the kingdom with our husbands, and stewards of all God has blessed us with, especially children, let us be found faithful. May our lives glo-found faithful. with, especially children, let us be found faithful. May our lives glo-rify God in both word and deed. All things are possible because Jesus



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"By knowledge the rooms are filled" (Proverbs 24:4)

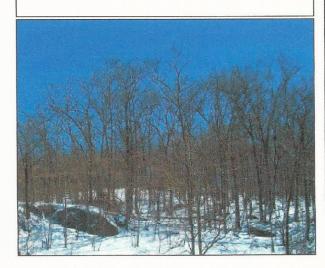
Christ completes you and strengthens you, and the Holy Spirit equips you (Philippians 4:13). God's word gives us a secure direction. If you need a Bible study, Firm Foundation Christian Church meets every Friday night, 7-8 pm. Remember, Proverbs 24:3, "Through wisdom a confidence. Lastly, with this knowl-

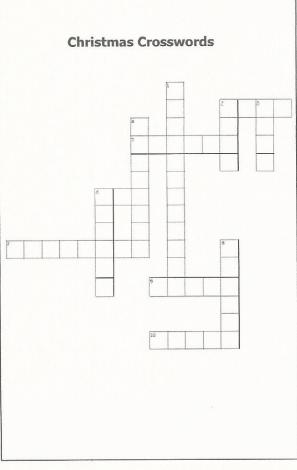
edge you fill the rooms of your life, home life, married life, work life, personal life, public life etc., with riches of selfless service for our Savior Jesus Christ. So consider a life built on seeking wisdom, un-derstanding, and knowledge, and you will find a life worth living.

- 2. a more accurate name for the wise men 5. where the Christ Child was laid
- 6. no room there
 7. God's feeling toward men
 9. born on Christmas Day
 10. a burial spice
- Down

1. fit for a priest to offer up to God

- 2. bore Jesus in her womb
 3. fit for a king
 4. God With Us
 6. prophesied of the virgin birth
 8. Jesus' stepfather





Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Was Jesus Really Born on December 25th?

By James Moriello

There has been much discussion and debate throughout the centuries as to the actual date of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ Child The western Christian church celebrates His birth on December 25th, but the eastern Christian church celebrates His birth on January 7th. Some claim that the date of December 25th was chosen to "Christianize" the ancient pagan winter solstice celebrations, notably that of Saturnalia in Rome. It is common in American Christian circles today to exclude either of these days as possibilities for the birth

of Jesus, usually on the basis of the weather and the reference to the shepherds being out in the fields on the eve of His birth (Luke 2:8-16). However, people who make this claim are generally ignorant of the fact that

December 25th falls in the rainy season in Israel, where there is plenty of green grass. To this

day, one may find shepherds out watching their flocks by night in Israel, as the sheep feed on the green grass. Jesus was not born in New England or Alaska, but in Bethlehem of Judea. The average temperature there in the winter is nearer to that of the winter temperatures in Georgia and northern Florida. A simple check of the weather records will reveal this fact. A second objection is that the Romans

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night." would not order a census during the rainy season (Luke 2:1-3).

(Luke 2:8) However, the

Romans were hardly known for their compassion for the convenience of their subjects. To the contrary, they would often inconvenience subject peoples to 'let them know who is in charge.' Still others have

sought to date the birth of Christ by using Luke 1:5, and dating from there. However, we cannot reliably attain a year or month for that since we simply do not have enough evidence! So then, we conclude that we cannot know for sure which day or even which year the Savior was born, But I like December 25th (or January 7th), based on the likelihood of the shepherds being in the fields, the Roman penchant for inconveniencing her subjects, and early Christian tradition. "He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord" (Romans 14:6). I'll observe December 25th. What you choose to do is up to you.

Gift

By Scott Lanctot

Who doesn't like a gift? A tangible gift, something you may want or need such as clothes, money, and the list could go on and on. The gift that will last forever is the gift of salvation. Jesus was born to take our sins away. He paid the price on the cross for all men, offering up Himself as a once and for all sacrifice that was acceptable to God the Father. This gift comes with no strings attached, and no disappointments. The only requirement is to believe upon Jesus as Lord and Savior. Believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, and that He is seated at the right hand of Glory. In life you will have trials. Make Jesus your comforter. Receive God's gift. All that believe upon Jesus have a home in heaven. Repent of your sin, and walk a worthy and



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"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8)

repentant walk with Jesus daily. Bear fruit daily. With your own power, it cannot be done, but with God all things are possible. The "rough rock" can and will get smoother one day at a time.

That's a gift. The gift of salvation is offered to all men. Don't let your pride get in the way of receiving the free gift that will last forever. Seek and you will find. And for seekers of God's truth, God has given the gift of the Bible. We all have a choice to accept the gift of salvation, or to reject it. It's a free, precious gift. I hope and pray that you receive the gift.

The Inn of Yourheart: A Short Christmas Story (Continued From Page 1)

The owner of the place is "Nabal," and he has become "very rich" (1 Samuel 25:2-3). His name means "fool", and "as his name is, so is he" (1 Samuel 25:25). He cannot be trusted. He does not care about his guests. Everyone complains about Nabal, but yet they imitate him! For they love the inn called World and the things inside. When it comes time to leave the inn called World, "just exactly as he came, so shall he go" (Ecclesiastes 5:16). There is no fulfillment here, and no future here. The rich and those whose priority it is to accumulate worldly riches stay in adjoining rooms. Both are equally sorrowful (1 Timothy 6:10). The embezzler, the gambler, and the self-respecting gentleman will all check out one day, and go to the same place.

There is a another inn not far away, the inn called Flesh. The guests here are all related to a prominent man in the town, whose surname is Lust. He has quite an extended family, and he runs a brisk business. As we speak, the maintenance department is hard at work on a new addition to the inn called Flesh. Here, the guests "enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25). They do not con-

the unfaithful is (Proverbs 13:15). In the inn called flesh, there is a woman who hangs out in the lobby greeting unsuspecting guests. Many of them are married, but these men "lust after her beauty", not realizing that they are well on their way to destroying their own souls (Proverbs 6:25,32). One young woman has come here after college. She recalls the words that her mother shared with her before she went away. "Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" (1 Corinthians 6:13). But that is a distant memory now. She has learned that God is a myth, and has not understood that "she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives" (1 Timothy 5:16).

The third inn in the town is the inn called Devil. You would think that nobody would come here with a name like that, but the innkeeper is very slick and manipulative (2 Corinthians 11:3)! His TV spots have higher ratings in the town of Christmas than the local football team. In fact, people come here and sit at the bar just to watch the commercials. "The more off-color and shocking, the better", the innkeeper will say. For breakfast, deviled eggs are served. After all, there is no devil, the staff will tell you, except in fairy tales. The guests here are easily taken advantage of, being ignorant of the innkeeper's devices (2 Corinthians 2:11). They say that the innkeeper, whose surname is Satan, has a pet lion, who devours unsuspecting guests, but nobody has ever seen the lion (1 Peter 5:8). For all of this, people still come to the town of Christmas and choose to stay in the inn called Devil, having their minds blinded by the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Jesus has come to the town of Christmas. There is no room

called World, the inn called Flesh, or the inn called Devil. But there is still one more inn vet in town where He may possibly come to stay. That is the inn of Yourheart. You are the innkeeper. Perhaps you have other guests already, but they are better suited to stay in one of the other three inns in town. Do not worry that they will not find room there. There is always room in those places. In fact, if Jesus is to come to the inn of Yourheart, all of those guests must be checked out at once. For Jesus insists upon occupying not just one room, but the entire inn! He comes with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Salvation. And many others along these lines. So many, in fact, that if His Father does not begin work on the inn of Yourheart at once, it cannot contain them all! "Abide in Me, and I in you", says the Lord (John 15:4). May the Lord Jesus find room in the inn of Yourheart this Christmas.

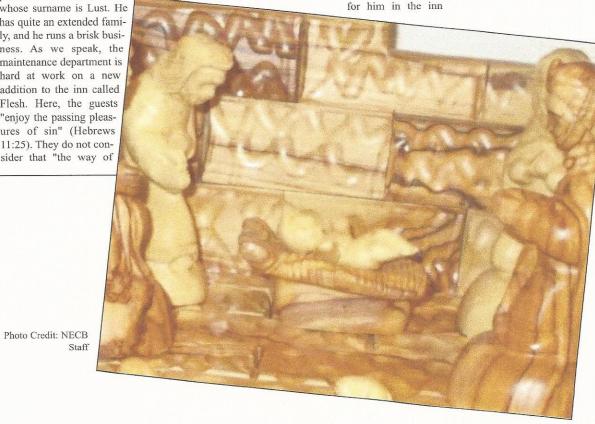


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Christmas Bible Trivia

Test Your Bible Knowledge!

- 1. Which two Gospels give a genealogy of Jesus Christ?
- 2. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
- 3. What is the translation of "Immanuel?
- 4. Was Jesus Mary's firstborn son?
- 5. Who was the King in Judea when Jesus was response? born?
- 6. When Herod heard of the birth of the King of the Jews, he called the chief priests and scribes to ask where the Christ was to be born. Which prophet did they quote in

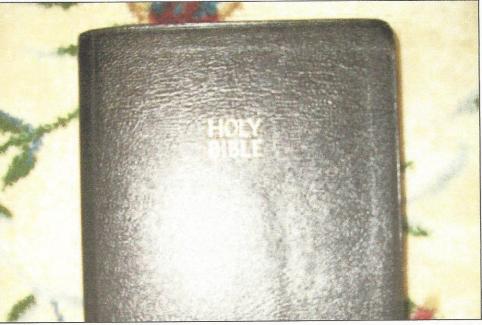


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"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15)

- 7. Where did the magi, or wise men, meet Jesus? 8. What were the three gifts that the magi brought to Jesus?
- 9. What was the name the angel

announced the birth of took place? Jesus to Mary?

- Mary's spirit 10. "rejoiced in God my
 ____" (Fill in the blank)
- 11. Who was governing who Syria when the census

- Christ was born was Jerusalem for the revelagiven to the shepherds?
- 13. Who announced the birth of Jesus to the was "born under the law" shepherds?
- 14. What were the

names of the two people 12. What sign that the who were waiting in tion of God's Messiah?

15. True or false: Jesus

Spiritual Fitness

(Continued From Page 1)

By Joshua and Christina Correia

"Preach the word! Be of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). We are commanded to be ready in and out of season, which means we must train. How do we Word day in and day out, in and out of sea-

given by inspiration of through for correction, for thoroughly equipped for Timothy 3:16-17). The al gym membership. A season. Heavenly workout plan son. "All Scripture is teaching us of salvation

faith, ready in season and out God, and is profitable through knowing God, for doctrine, for reproof, and knowing God by way of training with the instruction in righteous- help of His Word. In ness, that the man of this, the hope is to attain God may be complete, our lifelong goal as Christians: to exalt our every good work" (2 Heavenly Father in everything we do, and train? By reading God's Bible is our free spiritube ready in and out of



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"and laid Him in a manger" (Luke 2:7)

Answers to the Crossword Puzzle and Bible Trivia

Answers for the Crossword Puzzle on Page 4:

Across 2 magi

6 inn 7 goodwill 9 Jesus 10 myrrh

Down 1 frankir

2 Mary 3 gold

4 Immanuel

6 Isaiah 8 Joseph Answers for Bible Trivia

(Above)
1. Matthew (Chapter 1) and

Luke (Chapter 3)
2. Savior (Matthew 1:21)

3. God with us (Matthew

4. Yes (Matthew 1:25) 5. Herod (Matthew 2:1)

6. Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:6)

7. The house, not the stable 2:12)

(Matthew 2:11) 8. Gold, Frankincense, and

Myrrh (Matthew 2:11)

9. Gabriel (Luke 1:26-31) 10. Savior (Luke 1:47)

11. Quirinius (Luke 2:2)
12. "You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" (Luke

13. "An angel" (Luke 2:8-

12)
14. Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25, 36-38)

15. True (Galatians 4:4)

