

Christmas Thoughts

Our prayers are with the children and the families in Connecticut...
and always prayerfully remember our military and the persecuted church.

Keeping Christ in Christmas for our kids: here are some ideas...

Santa Claus or Saint Nick was a real Christian man dedicated to God who gave gifts to the poor around Christmas time to remind people of God's most perfect gift ~ "Jesus"

Let the tree represent the cross...

Let the lights remind them that He is the light of the world...

Let the Candy cane tell the story of the gospel: The red represents the blood He shed, the stripes represent the scourging and the white represents the cleansing of the washing away of sin and making us white as snow...

The empty present: What are they going to give Jesus for His birthday?

Read the Christmas Story in Luke 2...

Teach them the great Christmas Hymns that has the message of Christmas

For older Children...

Read the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens; a chapter a night. It's an amazing gospel story of how true joy is to live for others.

Ladies...

Your house does not have to look like a magazine, in fact all those perfect houses in commercials have professional decorators, professional lighting, fake actors and fake food. *Thought...* The messier your house is the more its like the nativity.

They may have the fire place but we have the fire...

They may have the table set so beautifully but we have the food (the Bread of Life)...

They may sing but we have the song...

They may have the house decorated perfectly but it is just temporary ~ ours is eternal...

They may have great presents but we have the best present ~ Jesus!

When it seems least like Christmas (due to sadness, loss or loved ones) that's when it is most like Christmas because He came for the brokenhearted (Luke 4:18)...

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
(Isaiah 9:6)

AUTHOR UNKNOWN: From the Hymn, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"...

And in despair I bowed my head, there is no peace on earth I said, for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth good will to men, then pealed the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead nor does He sleep, the wrong shall fail, the right prevail and peace on earth good will to men.

God is *nowhere* or God is *now-here*! Ladies, I hope these thoughts encourage you at this time....