

20th December 2020



table **GRACE**

Heavenly Father,
as we prepare to
receive the gift of
Jesus this
Christmas, give us
thankful hearts for
all the gifts present
here at our table;
our food, family,
and friends.
Amen.



THOUGHT for the week

The greatest
wonder of
Christmas is not
feeling Christmas,
but feeling close to
God in welcoming
Jesus!

-Evelyne Reisacher



VERSE for the week

Joseph son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary home as your
wife, because what is conceived
in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20b



REMEMBER this week

Christmas is more than a
feeling. It's a call to enter into the
mystery of what we don't
understand, to embrace the
messy situations that don't feel
right and an invitation to walk with
obedience and courage into the
unexpected, unexplainable life
and possibilities that God offers in
Jesus.



1 let's **SHARE**



1. Share your highs and lows.
2. Share a time when you felt really good.
3. Share a time when you felt really bad.
4. What kinds of things affect your feelings?
What can make you feel happy or sad?
5. Our feelings can change easily because the situations around us change. In the Bible, God says he doesn't change (Heb13:8). How does your faith in God affect how you feel?
6. What is the most significant feeling you have about being part of God's family?

2 let's **READ**



Sunday – **Matthew 1:20-21**
Monday – **Hebrews 13:7-8**
Tuesday – **Numbers 13:30-31**
Wednesday – **2 Timothy 1:7**
Thursday – **Daniel 3:16-17**
Friday – **Romans 5:3-5**
Saturday – **Luke 22:34**



3 let's **TALK**

- A** – What is this text **ABOUT**?
- B** – What is the **BEST** thing about this text?
- C** – What is the most **CONFUSING** or **CHALLENGING** part of this text?
- D** – What does God want you to **DO**?



4 let's **PRAY**

PRAISE GOD

for his constant and reliable love for us.

THANK JESUS

for living as a human and knowing how we feel.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT

to help you be led by him and not just your feelings.



5 let's **BLESS**

Bless each other with the sign of the cross as you say the following:

[Name], may the love of Christ fill your Christmas with so much more. Amen.