

**December 2014** 

## ki-zBORNER

# Christmas in Black & White Discovering the Real Story of Christmas

Many people get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and forget what Christmas is actually about. Four penguins, Paco, Pinky, Puffy, and Cody, help us to see Christmas in black and white. Even a penguin knows that Christmas is not just another "holiday," but a special day when God Almighty set aside his divine royalty and came to Earth as a baby boy so that He could make a way for each one of us to be saved. There's nothing grey about it. It's black and white!

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#### Show times:

7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20th & 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21st



### Tis The Season!



Our annual kidzMTNTSTRTFS Christmas House will take place during the morning service on Sunday, December 14. All kidz in attendance that day will be given kidzBUCKS and will be able to "buy" Christmas gifts for their family members. kidzMINISTRIES is collecting new and gently used trinkets and gifts (items that you would like to receive if you were getting a gift from the kidz) to stock our "store."

Wednesday, December 10th, kidzMINISTRIES will be spreading some Christmas cheer with their annual caroling and cookies to church shut—ins during our regularly scheduled service. kidzMINISTRIES believes in spreading Joy and Love during the Christmas Season!

Looking for a gift for someone on your shopping list who is hard to buy for? Our homemade peanut brittle may be the answer for you! kidzMIN is selling delicious peanut brittle candy this holiday season. Pricing is as follows: 1/2 lb. packages are \$7 and 1 lb. packages are \$11. We will have peanut brittle on hand and ready for sale at the end of every service through Wednesday, December 17, and we will also be taking orders. If you would like an order form to take with you (to work, to your family, etc.), forms are available, ask a kidzMIN staff today.



#### The REAL Story...

(Luke 2:1-20 NKJV) And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, <sup>1a</sup> who was with child. <sup>6</sup>So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, <sup>10</sup> an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"[s]

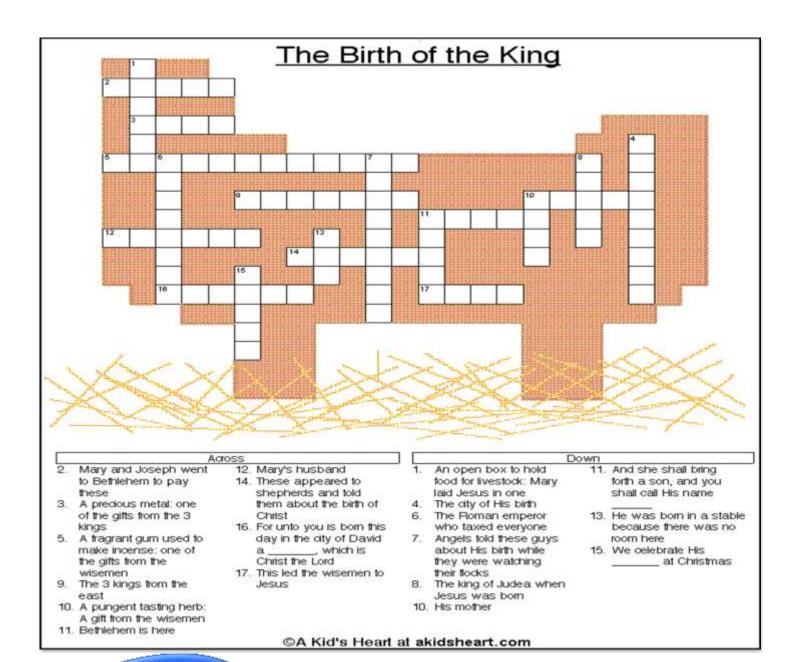
<sup>15</sup>So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely<sup>[d]</sup> known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup>And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. <sup>20</sup>Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

During this Christmas Season, let's all remember to take a moment and reflect on the Real Story behind why we celebrate Christmas. It's fun to give gifts (and receive them too) but the true purpose of this Day is a celebration of the birth of our Lord, who came to Earth as the ultimate sacrifice, and gave the best gift of all. The gift of Salvation to whoever will receive it. God desires this Christmas Season (and everyday) to give everyone the gift of Eternal Life in Him.

## kidzFun

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Wednesday 7:30pm