



Christmas is for Children

Jesus in the wagon

*Think of the **BEST Christmas you can remember** as a child under 10 years old*

*- My Christmas morning at **5 years old**.*

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*Family **traditions passed down** to our children:*

- The Mach Christmas punch bowl

- Our grandson's Christmas morning tomorrow

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***Christmas** seems to be **at its best** for children.*

- The gifts they receive are so exciting.

- Giving gifts to foster children is so cool!

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*The Christmas Story
Luke 1:26-38 & 2:1-7*

Jesus came as a child...

*And He said **we must become as little children** to receive the gifts of God's kingdom.*

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*Jesus came as **an infant** to demonstrate **He relates to us all**.*

*He came to people in humble circumstance to demonstrate that **everyone is qualified** to receive Him.*

*- He invites us all to **receive Him** into our lives...*

- And become like Him

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***No one** has a better reputation than Jesus.*

*No one has ever had **a more positive impact** on people.*

*And **He invites us** to **participate** in His life!*

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***PEI** – and everyone else*

*Jesus is not **“From Away”***

*- He is from **Here** – among us.*

*- He is the **only one** who ever **chose** where He would be born*

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1) He came as one of us...

*And offers to make us **one with Him**.*

2) He gave us “His Peace”

*That peace means, “**Set at One** again”.*

*- One with **the One** who made us,*

*- **For loving relationship** with Himself & each other.*

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*Jesus **identified & associated with us** – His entire life...*

*From **birth to death**.*

*- He didn't come to make life **easy**...*

*- He came to make it **good** ...*

*- He came to make it **whole**...*

- Over the whole course of our life.

** **Receive the life of Jesus** for Christmas.*

*The gift came special delivery **with your name on it**.*