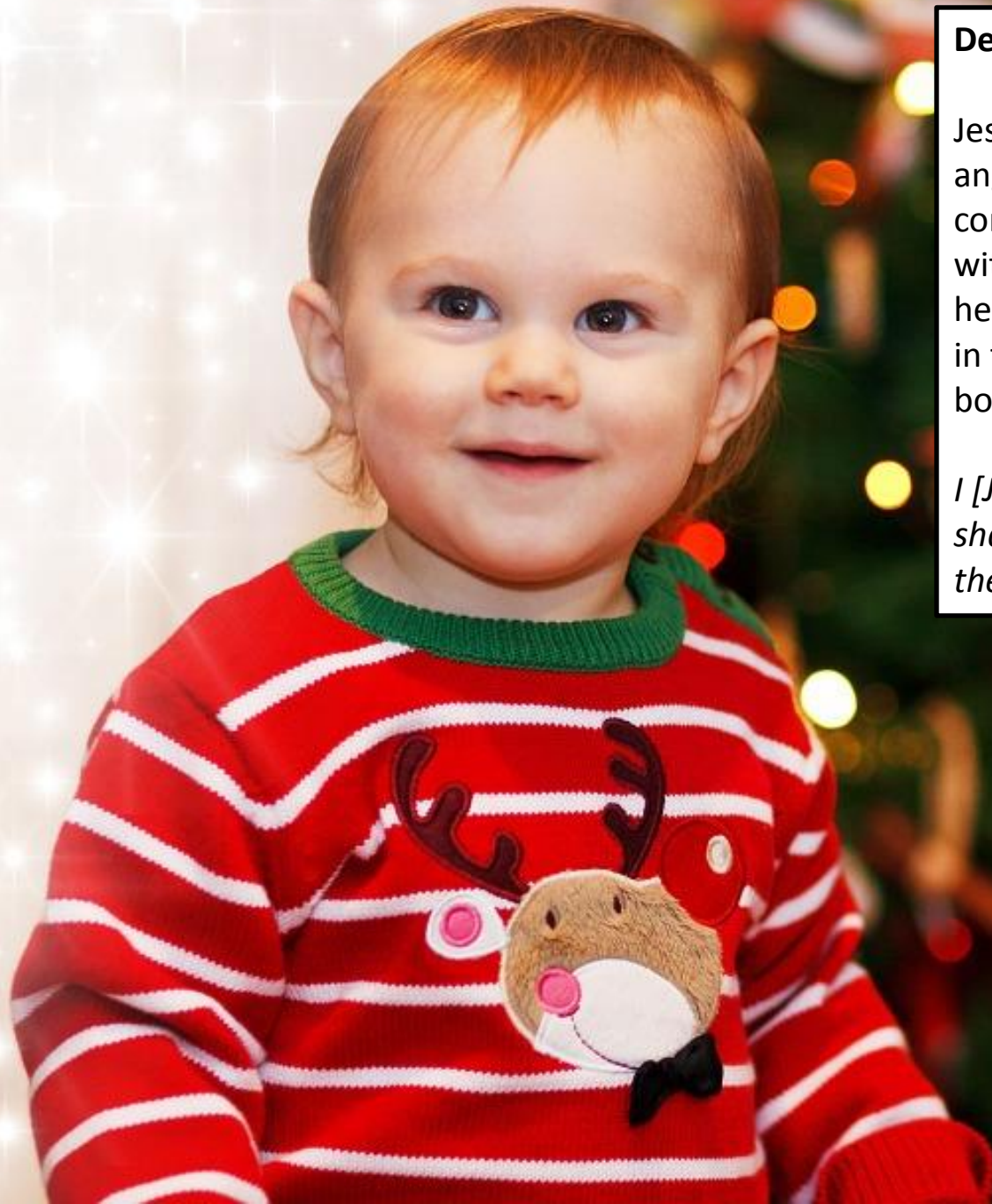


God with Us

25 Christmas thoughts for little children





December 1

Jesus didn't just pop down to earth so the angels could cheer Him on. God committed Himself to us without end and without limit. Anyone who opens their heart to Him is assured of security forever in the arms of the One who sets no boundaries to the immensity of His love.

I [Jesus] give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28, NIV)

December 2

Jesus was God's gift to the whole world, and not just for Christmas, but for every day, our whole lives through and beyond, for all eternity. It was the perfect gift, because Jesus can meet every need and make every dream come true.

Since he [God] did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? (Romans 8:32, NLT)



A woman with a white headscarf and a light blue dress is holding a baby wrapped in a white towel. The baby is looking up at the camera. The woman is looking down at the baby. The background is a dark, textured wall.

December 3

The Christmas story tells us that it's okay to start small. Jesus started as a tiny baby born in a stable, but He ended up at the right hand of the throne of God. And because of Him, our small beginnings will have greater ends in His eternal kingdom.

Do not despise these small beginnings. (Zechariah 4:10, NLT)



December 4

As we sing Christmas carols this year, it's a great time to reflect on what they mean, what Jesus did, and how deeply He loves each one of us and each one of our fellow human beings.—And to carry those thoughts and that love throughout the year ahead.

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:16, NLT)

December 5

Jesus is always there for us.
He's born to be our Friend.
He's no stranger to our
weaknesses and frailties. He
knows all about us—the
good, the bad, and the ugly—
and loves us in spite of how
we are.

*I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world.*
(Matthew 28:20, KJV)





December 6

In no portion of the life of Jesus Christ is there really greater glory than His birth. Nothing showed more love for the world than His condescending to be born. The Son of God emptied Himself of His divine attributes and entered human life in all the feebleness and helplessness of infancy.

The Word [Jesus] became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. (John 1:14, NLT)

December 7

Jesus came to bring salvation to "all people"—anyone who would believe in Him, regardless of race, religion, background, or anything else. Salvation is God's Christmas gift to you and me.

To all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12, NLT)





December 8

Letting Him use you to share His love is the gift He wants the most for His birthday. It's a gift that you can give no matter what else you're doing, and it's one that *only you* can give Him, because it's the gift of your own willing heart.

I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. (John 13:34, NLT)

December 9

Ring Christmas bells,
merrily ring,
Tell all the world,
Jesus is King,
Loudly proclaim
with one accord,
The happy tale,
welcome the Lord!
Ring Christmas bells,
sound far and near,
The birthday of Jesus
is here.
Herald the news
to old and young,
Tell it to all in every
tongue.

*What I tell you in the
dark, speak in the
daylight; what is
whispered in your ear,
proclaim from the roofs.
(Matthew 10:27, NIV)*



December 10

Now light one
thousand Christmas
lights,
On dark earth here
tonight;
One thousand,
thousand also shine,
To make the dark sky
bright.

He came to bring us
love and light,
To bring us peace on
earth.

So let your candles
shine tonight,
And sing with joy and
mirth.

*Let your light shine
before others, that
they may see your
good deeds and
glorify your Father in
heaven. (Matthew
5:16, NIV)*



December 11

Christmas is more than a gift from My Father's heart to yours—it's a gift exchange. It's a special time for you as you relive the wonder of the first Christmas, but it's also special for Me in that you take more time to love and thank and praise Me for all I've done for you. This may be hard for you to understand and believe, but I want and appreciate your love too. - Jesus

Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (Hebrews 13:15, KJV)





December 12

The angels who sang praises on the night Jesus was born still sing today. Their voices are drowned out some by the noise and busyness of life, but if you take the time to listen carefully, you'll hear them. Join them in singing praises to our heavenly Father.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13-14, KJV)

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue head covering and a matching robe, is shown in profile, looking down at a baby. The baby is wrapped in a light-colored cloth and is being held in her arms. The background is a warm, brownish-orange wall. The woman's expression is gentle and focused on the baby. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the fabric and the woman's features.

December 13

Jesus temporarily renounced the rights of His citizenship in heaven and became a citizen of this world. Though He was rich, for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might become rich.

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

(Philippians 2:6-7, NLT)



December 14

Jesus not only adapted Himself to our bodily form, but also conformed to the human ways of life, customs, language, dress, and living. He did it that He might reach us with His love, prove to us His compassion and concern, and help us understand His message.

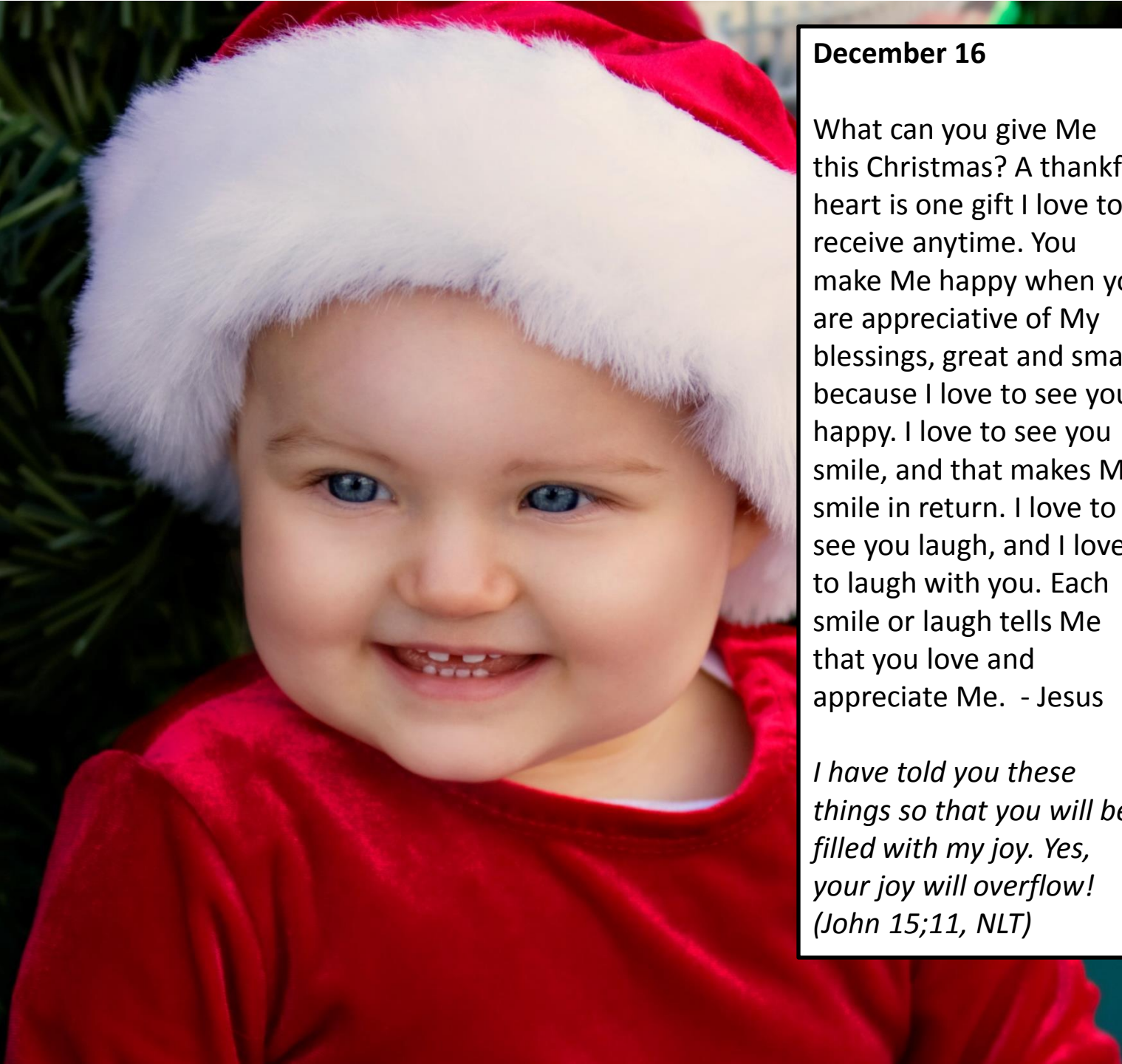
Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil. (Hebrews 2:14, NLT)

December 15

As you enjoy all the blessings of life this Christmas, stop and think about what meager circumstances Jesus was born into. He had so much, yet became so little. He became nothing so that we could have everything. All that we have, we owe to Him.

*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
(2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV)*





December 16

What can you give Me this Christmas? A thankful heart is one gift I love to receive anytime. You make Me happy when you are appreciative of My blessings, great and small, because I love to see you happy. I love to see you smile, and that makes Me smile in return. I love to see you laugh, and I love to laugh with you. Each smile or laugh tells Me that you love and appreciate Me. - Jesus

*I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!
(John 15;11, NLT)*

December 17

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord
Emmanuel!

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. (Revelation 3:20, NLT)

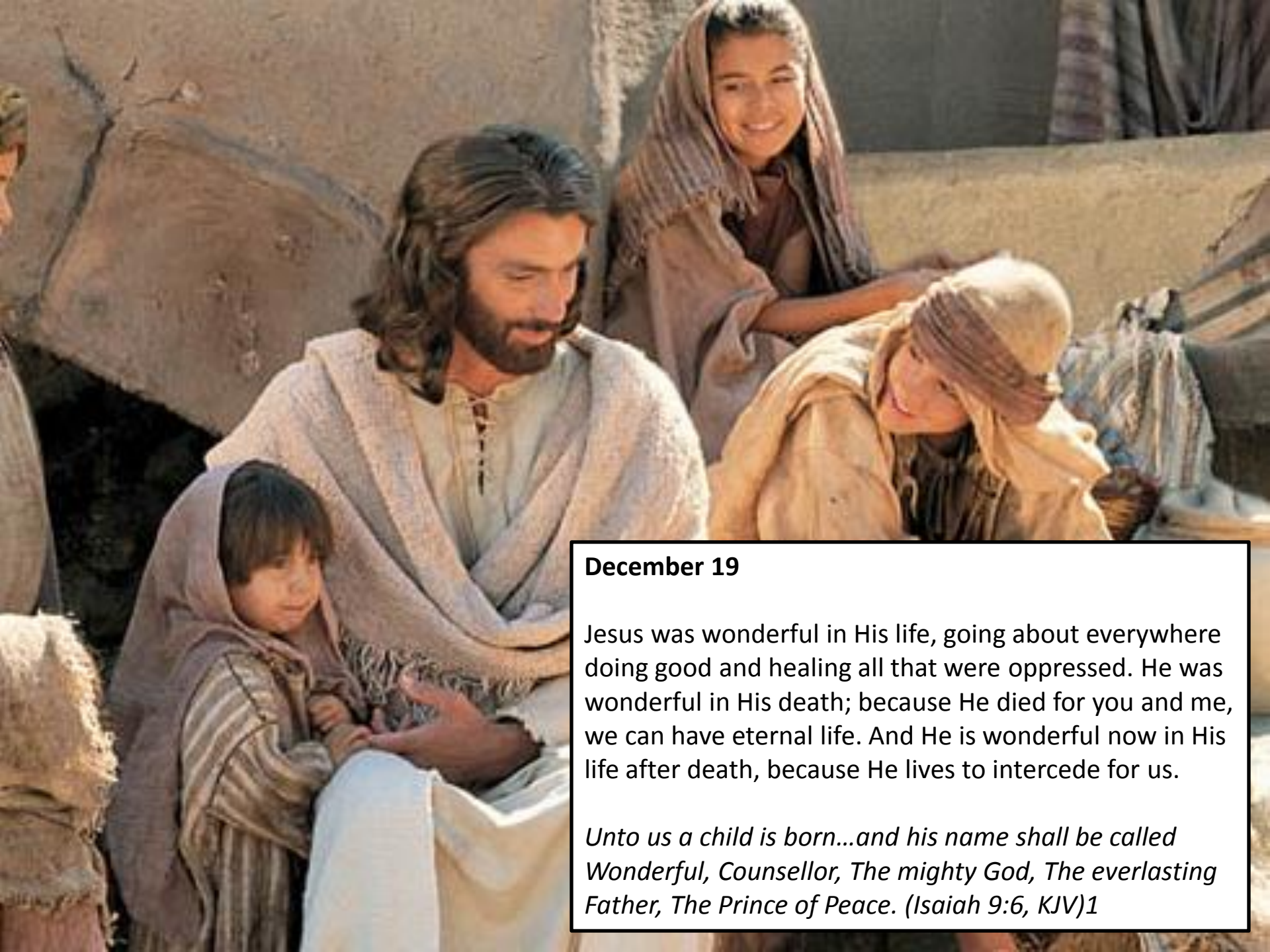


December 18

In Jesus, God shared His love with the whole world. But He also loves each of us individually. God loves *you* so much that He gave the most cherished thing He had, His only Son, so you could have everlasting life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16, NIV)





December 19

Jesus was wonderful in His life, going about everywhere doing good and healing all that were oppressed. He was wonderful in His death; because He died for you and me, we can have eternal life. And He is wonderful now in His life after death, because He lives to intercede for us.

*Unto us a child is born...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6, KJV)*¹

December 20

Christmas celebrates God's "goodwill to men," but I want it to also be a time of man's "goodwill to men." Take a moment to ask Me what you could do for someone else. Return My Father's goodwill by sharing some of your own. - Jesus

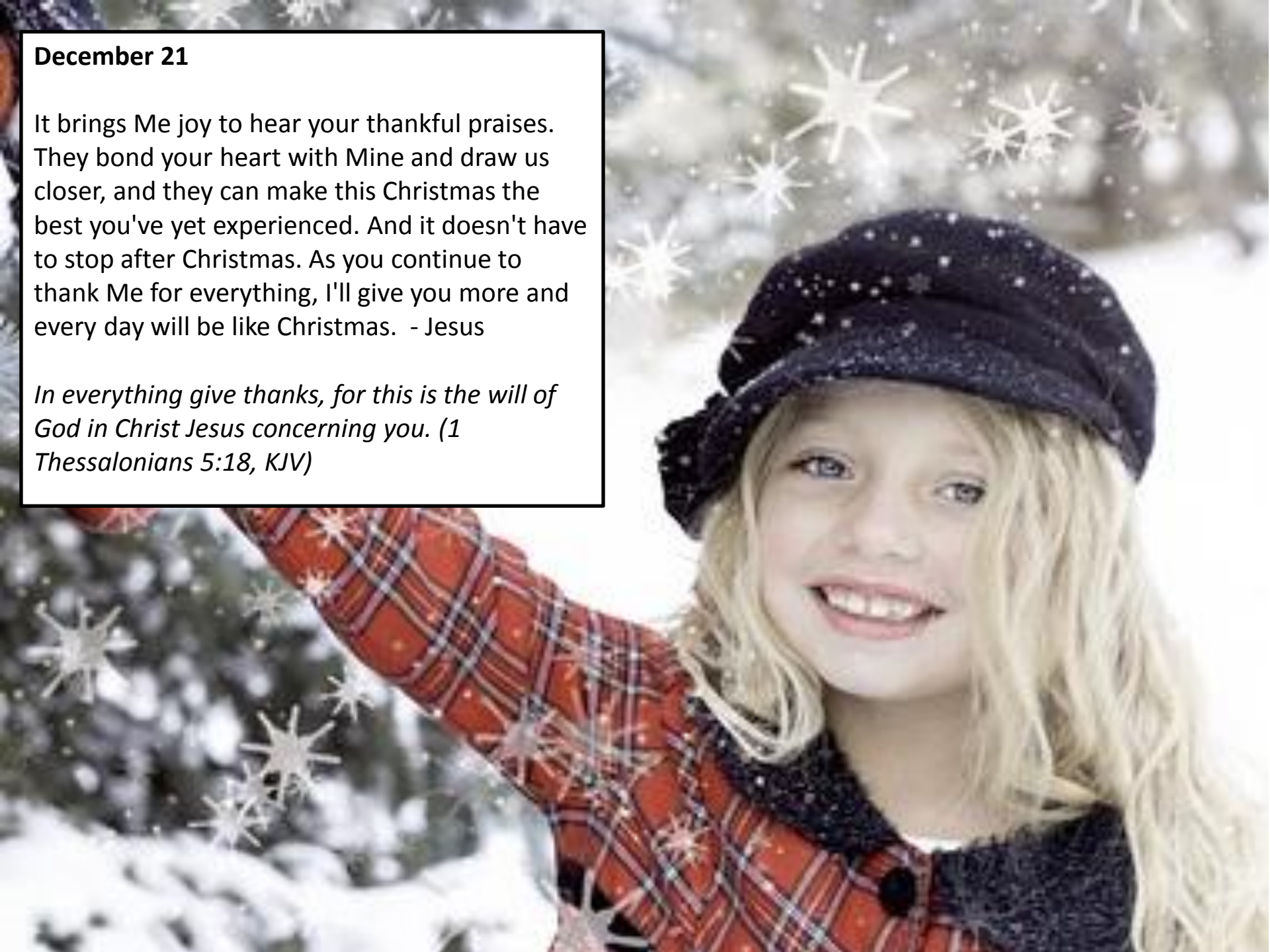
This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. (John 15:12, NLT)



December 21

It brings Me joy to hear your thankful praises. They bond your heart with Mine and draw us closer, and they can make this Christmas the best you've yet experienced. And it doesn't have to stop after Christmas. As you continue to thank Me for everything, I'll give you more and every day will be like Christmas. - Jesus

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV)





December 22

Christmas is a wonderful time of year to make things right. And making things right often starts with you taking the step to forgive someone, even if you feel that the other person is the one who should be seeking forgiveness. Has someone said or done something that has hurt you? Forgive. - Jesus

*Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.
(Ephesians 4:32, NLT)*



December 23

Shepherds in first-century Palestine were considered the lowest of the low. By today's standards, that might equate to an angelic choir appearing to a group of garbage dump scroungers. Yet God looks at the heart. It doesn't matter to Him what someone's occupation is or how they're dressed.

The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7, NIV)

December 24

It was love for you
that brought Me to
your world, to live
and die for you.
Everything I have
done has been out of
love for you. I did it
for everyone who has
ever lived or ever
will, but I would have
done it for you alone.
You mean that much
to Me! - Jesus

*See what great
love the Father has
lavished on us, that
we should be called
children of God! And
that is what we
are! (1 John 3:1, NIV)*



December 25

It is not enough that Christ, the King of kings, was born in Bethlehem beneath the star that heralded His coming; He must be born within our hearts. Welcome Him into your heart. He will transform your life!

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

If you haven't yet received God's most wonderful gift, Jesus, you can right now by praying the following prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to our world and living like one of us. Thank You for dying for me, so I can have eternal life in heaven. Please forgive me for all the wrongs I've done, and fill my life with Your love.



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