

WHO NEEDS Christmas

PART 1:
God Needed Christmas

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question.
Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

For some people Christmas season can be overwhelmingly difficult to the point that they say "who needs Christmas? Some people just don't see the point of Christmas altogether. Why celebrate the birth of some Jewish baby? As it turns out, God needed Christmas. Parents often had this feeling: "I sure wish my kids understood how much I love them." God, your Heavenly Father, felt the same way. But think about His challenge. How does God, who is this invisible, intangible, almost unknowable spirit God communicate to us how He feels about us, His children, in a material world, that has turned their back on God? And the answer to this is Christmas. That's why God needed Christmas.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time you had trouble convincing someone else of something you knew to be true. What did you?
2. Do you believe that Jesus is God in a body? Which of the following is the most compelling ones that prove Jesus' deity?
 - **His ability to control nature:** He changed water into wine, he calmed the wind and the waves, etc.
 - **The miracles:** He walked on water, healed the sick, raised the dead to life.
 - **People giving him worship:** The magi, the disciples, the blind person, the doubting Thomas,
 - **His unique moral character:** His compassion, love for the people, and his sinless life.
 - **His own claim to be God:** He said he and God is one, seeing Him is the same as seeing God.
 - **His resurrection:** Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection and actually did it.
3. **Read Romans 5:6–8.** What are some truths about God that you wouldn't know if Jesus hadn't demonstrated them?
4. What can you do this Christmas season to show gratitude for God's choice to demonstrate his love for you? How can this group help you?

MOVING FORWARD

The world needed Christmas. So God staged a demonstration and documented it so the world would know. He did it because we needed to see it to believe it. God had to be with us so we could know he loved us and was for us.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8