

THE BEST CHRISTMAS STORY EVER

According to John

PERSONAL STUDY HOMEWORK

Week of December 22-27

The Gospel Writer – John

- Jesus' signs had a PURPOSE – to reveal His glory.
- John was an EYEWITNESS – he saw and heard signs many of the others did not experience.
- Jesus taught about LOVE.

The Gospel of John – The Coming of Jesus John 1:1-18

- God became HUMAN flesh.
- Jesus' purpose was to PROVE He was God, who came to earth to save people from their sins.
- Jesus takes us as we are and LOVES us as we have never been loved before.

Getting Started

1. What is your Christmas day like? For most of us it is full – with the opening of gifts, the entertaining of family and friends and so much more. How will you make the *Best Story Ever Told* a part of your Christmas day? Take a few minutes with those you love on Christmas day to read Luke 1-2.

Getting Into God's Word

Read John 1:1-18

1. What are some of the unique aspects of John's life and John's gospel? What was the significance of John's close relationship with Jesus and Mary? How did John's experience with Jesus change his life?
2. What significant events in Jesus' life and ministry was John an eyewitness to? John called Jesus' miracles signs. What is the significance of this language? According to John, what was the purpose of Jesus' signs and miracles?

Applying It In My Life

1. Pastor Ty said, "John first followed Jesus because he was fascinated by his miracles and signs. Over time that fascination turned to faith." How has your experience of Jesus moved from fascination to faith? How has your life been transformed by the love of Jesus? That is the real story of Christmas.