

For Unto Us... A Son Is Given

Reflect

1. What is your favorite gift you have ever received from someone? Why?
2. What is your favorite gift you have ever given to someone? Why?
3. Describe a time when it was difficult to give. What about a time when giving gave you joy?

Read Your Bible

- Isaiah 9:6
- Matthew 1:21

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. How would you describe Jesus as a gift?
2. Gifts are both given and received. The Father has given us Jesus. Have you received Jesus? How do you know?
3. In what ways does the gift of Jesus change your life, if at all?
4. Opening gifts brings an array of emotions for us – joy, laughter, crying, etc. What emotions do you feel being given the gift of Jesus? Why?
5. How does this gift compare with other gifts you have received in your life?
6. What habits have you made for yourself to remind yourself of this gift (Bible reading, prayer, attending worship, etc.)?
7. What habits, if any, would you like to improve in and what steps will you take to do so?
8. The gift we have received is Good News. In what ways are you sharing this gift of Good News with those around you?

Conclusion

Isaiah 9:6 was written roughly 700 years before Jesus Christ of Nazareth was born. Isaiah knew that God's people were in bondage to sin and in need of a Deliverer. He knew that the world could not save itself but needed a Savior. In writing this passage, He is telling us of God's overarching plan of redemption for His people through the giving of His one and only Son on a Cross. In this, God reconciled us to Himself by placing our sins and transgressions on Jesus, so that through faith in Him we may have complete forgiveness of sins and may now move forward in newness of life reflecting the righteousness of Christ to the world around us. Jesus Christ truly is the GREATEST gift we have ever received!

Pray

Father in Heaven, we thank you today for the gift of Jesus Christ. We know that by His death, we too have become dead to sin. And by His birth, we have become reborn children of God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We now ask You, by the power of Your Spirit, that You may renew us in Your blood that has been shed upon the Cross and transform us into the likeness of your Son for His name's sake. It is in His name that we pray. Amen!