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Go Deep

Unwrapping Christmas

"What Would Jesus Say To Santa?"

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When did you learn the truth about Santa?

How did you explain Santa to the children in your life?

1. Thanks for teaching us to give.

What strikes you about the St. Nicholas of Myra story?

What lessons does St. Nicholas teach us?

Read John 3:16 and 2 Corinthians 9:15

What gifts do we get with Jesus?

2. I like Gene Autry's song about you.

Compare the lyrics of the two popular songs about Santa Claus.

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

You better watch out

You better not cry

You better not pout

I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list

He's checking it twice

He's gonna find out

Who's naughty or nice

Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping

He knows when you're awake

He knows if you've been bad or good

So be good for goodness sake

"Here Comes Santa Claus"

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus

Right down Santa Claus lane

He doesn't care if you're rich or poor

He loves you just the same.

*Santa knows we're all God's children
That makes everything right
So fill your hearts with Christmas cheer
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.*

*Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus
Right down Santa Claus lane
He'll come around when the chimes ring out
That it's Christmas morn again.
Peace on earth will come to all
If we just follow the light
So let's give thanks to the Lord above
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.*

*Look at each song in light of Jesus.
Why would Jesus like "Here Comes Santa Claus"
better than "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"?*

3. Thank you for being happy.

*"Ho, Ho, Ho" "Christmas Cheer" "Joy to the
World"
What is so "happy" about the Christmas season?
What really makes for happiness in a person's life?
According to [happyplanetindex](http://happyplanetindex.com) the U.S. ranks
#105 out of 151?
Does that rank surprise you?
What are your thoughts on why the U.S. would be
so low?*

4. Lighten up on the cookies.

*This point is a bit just for fun, but what is the
"take-away" from it for us?*

Scott Calvin, the character played by Tim Allen in
"The Santa Claus" became the big guy when he put
on Santa's suit. Assuming that identity was found
in the "claus" located on a card inside Santa's suit.

Read the following "clauses" from the New
Testament: Colossians 3:12-14; Romans 13:14a;
Colossians 3:10

*What behavior and attitudes fit the person who
wears the Jesus suit?*

How do we make that happen?