



Among Us

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Advent Daily Devotional
Personal Study and Enrichment

Week 1: November 28-December 2

The Gift of the Coming Messiah

Day	Scripture	Meditation/Thoughts
Monday	Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”	This is the voice of God the Father. About whom is he speaking? Why did God wait so long to send Jesus?
Tuesday	Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”	Consider what the Jews were awaiting. What are you awaiting?
Wednesday	Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”	What does this Scripture teach us about the “origin” of Jesus, the Messiah?
Thursday	Isaiah 9:6-7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.	Do you believe the government of Jesus Christ will reign forever? Why or why not?
Friday	Psalms 2:7 I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.”	Consider the relationship between the Father and Son. Do you see God as your Father?

Week 2: December 5-9

God's Free Gift of Grace

Day	Scripture	Meditation/Thoughts
Monday	Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.	Not only does God save us through Jesus Christ, He gives us the faith we need to choose to be saved. Reflect on this gift, related to human ability.
Tuesday	Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	Do you believe God's gift of salvation in Christ is the only way to eternal life in heaven?
Wednesday	Romans 5:17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!	How does God's gift of grace to us enable us to be free from religion?
Thursday	1 Timothy 1:6 For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.	You are uniquely created by God. What gift has God given you?
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.	What has been the effect of God's grace in your life?

Week 3: December 12-16

Forgiven and Lovingly Adopted

Day	Scripture	Meditation/Thoughts
Monday	Ephesians 1:4-5 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—	Do you believe God chose every person ever born to be adopted by Him through forgiveness of sin?
Tuesday	Romans 8:14:15 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, <i>“Abba Father.”</i>	Describe your relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.	What does the Holy Spirit guarantee?
Thursday	Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace	Describe your understanding of redemption and forgiveness.
Friday	Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”	Reflect on holding unforgiveness and its impact on answered prayer.

Week 4: December 19-23

The Greatness of God

Day	Scripture	Meditation/Thoughts
Monday	Psalm 104:1 Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.	How do you view the splendor of God?
Tuesday	James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.	Describe the gifts God has given you. How can you share the gift of Christ with others?
Wednesday	Psalm 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.	Are you seeking and hearing the majestic voice of God?
Thursday	Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.	Only Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father. Do you view Jesus and God the same way?
Friday	Jude 24-25 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.	Consider how great Jesus is. Why is Jesus able to present you to God the Father without fault?