

A Wonderful Celebration

We all have our favorite times of the year. I personally enjoy summer when everything is alive and beautiful. Others prefer the fall, and yes, there are some who like the cold of winter. Although winter is not my favorite, it does represent my favorite holiday of all time – Christmas.

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday in the world. It represents many different things to all mankind. If we were looking at it from the eyes of a child it would represent the opening of Christmas presents. Oh, those were the days when we had little children, and we watched their anticipation of Christmas morning. Do you remember buying those items that needed assembling? They



JUST A THOUGHT
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would sometimes say in the instructions that it could be put together by a five year old, and it took us half the night!

Christmas also represents the giving of gifts. I have to be honest, I really wouldn't care if I got anything at all this Christmas. I like the enjoyment of giving to others. Giving a gift to someone who never expected it is always a

blessing to me. For the most part, most of us reading this article today really don't need anything. We have everything we need, and a whole lot more.

Christmas represents a special time for the family. I get great satisfaction getting to see all of my family during a time we can get together and just relax. We usually have a

meal, where it is nice to have all of the family around the table, and then we open gifts. There is nothing I enjoy any more than just being with family.

I could go on for a long time continuing with all the special thoughts about Christmas, but I want to get to the real significance of Christmas – JESUS! If we miss this aspect of Christmas, we have missed it all. The celebration of the birth of the Christ child is the ultimate. I never go through a Christmas season without reading the story of the birth of Christ. Luke 2:1-7 tells the story, "(1) And it came to pass, in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be registered. (2) (And this registra-

tion was first made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) (3) And all went to be registered, everyone into his own city. (4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), (5) to be registered with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. (6) And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. (7) And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

I will never live long enough to grow tired of the

story of how God took on the form of flesh and came to earth to be born in a manger. He left the glories of Heaven to come bringing hope and life to all mankind.

As we rapidly approach Christmas, it is my prayer that we would all take the time to just enjoy what Christ brought to mankind when He came to live among us. There is nothing wrong with the lights and decorations, the gifts, family get-togethers and all that comes with it, but please take time for Jesus. After all, it is His birthday, not ours. We don't want to exclude Him in anything we do. Christmas will be a more memorable festivity for all of us if we celebrate the true meaning, God's gift to man was Jesus, His greatest gift.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular pickup truck

4. Profoundly wise men

9. Camera company

14. Folk singer DiFranco

15. Passerine birds

16. Plum-shaped fruit used for preserves

17. Popular kids channel

18. Dodgers' skipper

20. Removes

22. The Atlantic is one

23. Badgerlike mammal

24. Foulness

28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan

29. Commercial

30. A type of gin

31. Temptress

33. Shuts in an enclosed space

37. Milligram

38. Actress Adams

39. Strive to equal or match
41. Health insurance

42. A detective's source

43. Small American rails

44. Alfred __, Brit. poet

46. Crest of a hill

49. Atomic #52

50. __ Caesar, comedian

51. Breaks apart

55. Register formally (Brit. sp.)

58. Worker

59. Chemical compound

60. Disgraced newsman

64. Born of

65. Chemical substance

66. Supernatural powers

67. Clothes

68. Indy footballers

69. Moves forward

70. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Driver

2. Bone cavities

3. Menacing

4. Where coaches patrol

5. Greek mythological figure

6. War-based board game

7. Midway between northeast and east

8. 18-year period in astronomy

9. Mid-century term used to describe Japanese-Americans

10. Large bodies of water

11. Eurasian ryegrass

12. Perform on stage

13. Greek island

19. 10th month of the year (abbr.)

21. One point east of southeast

24. Belgian city
27. Edible lily bulbs

31. Quarterbacks take them

32. Organic compound

34. Tears down (Brit.)

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

36. Unconscious

40. Missouri

41. Firemen use them

45. Pig noise

47. Greatly dismay

48. Imitator

52. Moves by turning over

53. Boxing's GOAT

54. Swarms with

56. Margarines

57. Feudal superior

59. As fast as can be done

60. Reciprocal of a sine

61. Chinese city

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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