

## Christmas with our children

With X'mas nearly upon us, this is the time to turn our eyes toward the reason for the Season – the celebration of Jesus' birth.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son.....” John3:16*

John3:16 reminded us that God sent His only Son to pay for our sins. Jesus came to earth to give us salvation and the hope of eternal life – this is the joyful reason for celebration.

During the X'mas season, as Christians, my husband and I want to instill the spiritual significance of X'mas in our three children. We love to involve our children in the excitement of celebrating Jesus' birth. To prepare our homes and our thankful hearts for X'mas we would put up a X'mas Tree and decorate it together with joy and cheer. While decorating the Tree, my husband and I would use the opportunity to relate biblical symbolic values to the pretty pieces we put on the Tree.

**Lights** : As we put the lights around the Tree, we remind our children that Jesus is the “Light of the world”

**Star** : The star on top of the tree represents the Star that led the Wise Men to where Jesus was born

**Angels** : God sent His choir of angels to proclaim the good news to the shepherds

**Gifts** : When we give or receive gifts, always be mindful of how much God gave us in Jesus. The greatest gift of all is Jesus

**Filled Stockings** : How God fills our lives with good things

**X'mas Tree** : An Evergreen, symbolic of something that does not end.....eternal life

When we visit Shopping Malls round X'mas time, the mall and the shops are excessively filled with dazzling, beautiful X'mas decorations, we lose no time to instill our faith in our children the true meaning of X'mas – the birth of the promised child - Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world – brought into the world ! The world celebrates His Birthday with joy and thankfulness !

May your X'mas be filled with reminders of God's great love for you and may you and your family experience God's greatest blessing at the Xmas season and the New Year ahead.

*“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins “ Matt1:21*

*“Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. To-day in the city of David a Saviour has been born to you : he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11*

