

# Christmas

## at THE CREEK

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

### WEEK 3: LOVE

Sunday, December 11

READ: Luke 2:1-7

From a human perspective, this whole situation must have seemed crazy to Mary and Joseph. Not only was Mary expecting a child who would save the world, but now she and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem for a census. When they arrive, there's no room for them to stay except for the place they keep the animals. As hectic as this might have seemed, this is exactly how God wanted Jesus to enter the world. Right from the start, God wanted to have a relationship with us. Even when our sin got in the way, God continued to love us and make a way to rescue us. Jesus is proof God loves us unconditionally.

ASK:

- What is the best Christmas you've ever received?
- How does it make you feel knowing God loves you so much?
- How can you show God's love to others?

PRAY:

"Dear God, thank You for showing Your love by sending Jesus. You kept Your promise to send a Savior. Help me to always remember You love us so much that You sent Your own Son. And help me remember the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate with our family. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As you go about your week, take some time to reflect on each of the daily passages. Sit with God in each text. Allow God's Word to speak to you. Ask yourself, "Lord, what do you want to show me in this text today?" Then, listen. After each day has wrapped up, finish in prayer.

Monday: John 3:16-18

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-12

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Thursday: John 1:1-14

Friday: Romans 5:6-11

Saturday: John 13:34-35