

# HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## “Christmas. It IS A Big Deal”

### Why?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' birth

#### **Matthew 1:1-17**

**Galatians 4:4-5** (NCV) <sup>4</sup> But when the right time came, God sent his Son who was born of a woman and lived under the law. <sup>5</sup> God did this so he could buy freedom for those who were under the law and so we could become his children.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 1:22-23** (NIV) <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

3. The \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 1:18** (NIV) This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 1:22-24** (NIV) <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

- It's a \_\_\_\_\_
- It means Jesus was born \_\_\_\_\_

4. The \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 1:19-21** (NIV) <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> 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.”

**Matthew 2:13** (NIV) When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

#### **Luke 2:9-14**

5. The \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:1-2,9-10** (NIV) After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

6. God \_\_\_\_\_

**John 1:1,14** (NCV) <sup>1</sup>In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>14</sup>The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father—and he was full of grace and truth.

**December Memory Verse – 1 Peter 3:8** (NIV) All of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.