

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Peace on Earth — Part 3

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"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'" Luke 2:10 (NIV)

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

The Christmas Story

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore . . . through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed . . ." Genesis 22:17-18a (NIV)

"I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment." Exodus 6:6 (NLT)

"When anyone brings from the herd or flock a fellowship offering to the LORD to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill offering, it must be without defect or blemish to be acceptable." Leviticus 22:21 (NIV)

"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:16 (NIV)

"The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah . . . out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2 (NIV)

" . . . Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod . . ." Matthew 2:1a (NIV)

" . . . I came to give life — life in all its fullness." John 10:10b (NCV)

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

Your story

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21 (NIV)

" . . . The shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child." Luke 2:15-17 (NIV)

1. Come and _____

"God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And he gave us this message of peace." 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NCV)

2. Go and _____

"Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News." Colossians 4:5a (TLB)

• See _____

"But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them?" Romans 10:14 (MSG)

• Start _____

"So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'" 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

• Say _____

"I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9:23 (NLT)