



## Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts— sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**THE GOSPEL OF GOD  
FROM HIS WORD:  
THE HOLY BIBLE**

**Taken from Genesis:**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

So God created man in His own image. In the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her and he ate it. Then their eyes were opened...Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as

He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the Garden.

"But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

God said to the serpent, "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."

So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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The Lord God saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord..." So make yourself an ark...go into the ark, you and your whole family...seven days from now I will send rain upon the earth for forty days and forty nights and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

The Lord God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you." So Noah came out...then Noah built an altar to the Lord... Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth."

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation and will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

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Taken from Exodus:

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with

Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

Taken from the Psalms:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation

for Him. The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations. He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen His salvation. (Psalm 98)

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Taken from Isaiah:

...for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory...

'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.'

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given,

and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord almighty will accomplish this.

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Taken from Luke:

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said. "Greetings, you who are

highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; You have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said

to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me: As soon as the sound of our greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her!"

## Mary's Song

And Mary said "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with His arm, He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as He promised our ancestors."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

## The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



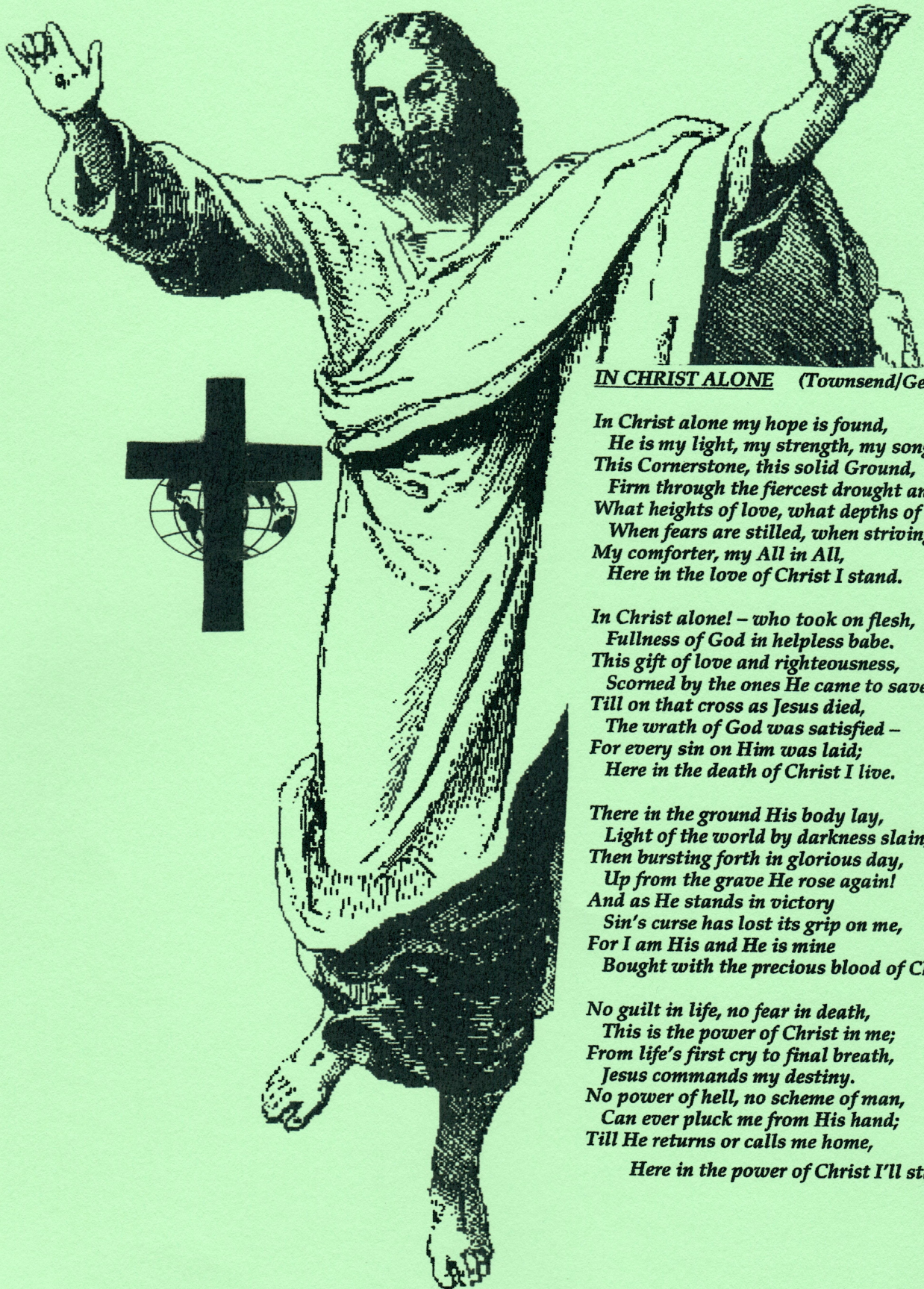
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
**GLORY TO GOD IN THE  
HIGHEST HEAVEN,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE  
TO THOSE ON WHOM  
HIS FAVOR RESTS."**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, 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 has been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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**IN CHRIST ALONE** (Townsend/Getty)

*In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,*

*Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

### **Scriptures from Luke 24**

***On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightening stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,***

***“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still with you in Galilee; “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Then they remembered His words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the others...***

***Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26***

***For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection. Romans 6:5***



## Christmas Light

***Most of us have very important questions about life, like:  
Why was I born? Do I matter? Where will I go when I die?***

***Answers to such questions will vary, depending on who you ask.  
To miss the truth about such questions is referred to in the Bible as  
spiritual blindness, or walking in darkness. Our Creator loves us and  
wants us to know the absolute truth about life and eternity; yet, He has  
hidden these answers in His Son, Jesus. The good news is that Jesus  
desires to open the eyes of the spiritually blind, so that anyone can  
walk in the Light of Life. God's Light leads to love - love leads to peace  
- peace leads to fulfilled contentment.***

**Before God sent Jesus into this world, He promised: "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." ~ Isaiah 42:16**

**Because of the tender mercy of our God... the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. ~ Luke 1:78**

**Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." ~ John 12:46**

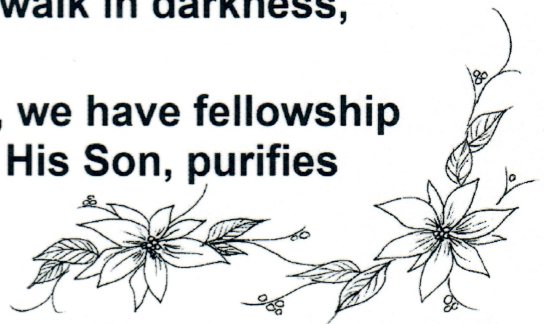
**...the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.  
~ Matthew 4:16**

**When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~ John 8:12**

**If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. ~ 1 John 1:7 (NIV)**

### Prayer

***Our Father in Heaven, thank you that you loved the world so much that you gave us your merciful Son - the Light of Life. Lord Jesus, open my eyes to the Truth about life and eternity, that I may walk with you all the days of my life, and live with you forever. Amen.***





# WORD SEARCH

## Find The Hidden Words

R	M	J	B	U	S	O	I	Y	W	O	T	R	A	O
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CHRISTMAS  
 IMPORTANT  
 QUESTIONS  
 BLINDNESS  
 DARKNESS  
 LIGHT

LOVE  
 CONTENTMENT  
 PROMISED  
 GUIDE  
 BELIEVES  
 SHADOW

FELLOWSHIP  
 PURIFIES  
 PRAYER  
 HEAVEN  
 TRUTH  
 ETERNITY

*Merry Christmas and may God bless you!*

*From your friends at God Cares Ministry & your friends with at  
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## Christmas Gifts

*God sent His Son, Jesus, that we might have an abundant and fulfilled life with Him. When we open our hearts to trust and follow Jesus, we enter into a personal relationship with Him. In this relationship, Jesus imparts the kind of treasures you cannot find in stores. Our Lord delights to satisfy us with heavenly gifts, such as:*

**PEACE** ~ He settles our soul in times of trouble.

**GUIDANCE** ~ through the valleys and into His good will for us.

**STRENGTH** ~ far beyond ourselves.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS** ~ that we could never attain on our own.

**DELIVERANCE** ~ from all our sins and also from the devil's traps.

**LOVE** ~ the eternal and greatest gift of all.

**HOPE** ~ because Jesus is faithful to all His promises.

**PAYMENT FOR SIN** ~ a debt that only Christ could pay.

**FORTRESS** ~ a hiding place; shelter from the enemies of our soul.

**LIGHT** ~ so that we can see life in its truest context.

**WISDOM** ~ to know how to best apply our knowledge.

**HELP** ~ to accomplish all that is right.

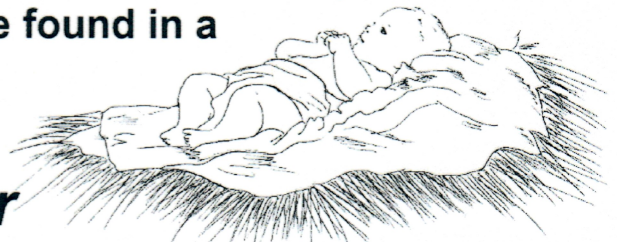
**HEAVEN** ~ our eternal home with Jesus and our Heavenly Father.

**FAITH** ~ the key to all the blessings of Heaven.

**BROTHERHOOD** ~ as beloved children of God.

**FELLOWSHIP** ~ Jesus is not a religion, He is a living and loving savior who will never leave us or forsake us.

Which of the above treasures do you desire? All of these, and so much more, are promised in the Bible, and are found in a personal relationship with Jesus.



### Prayer

*Our Father in Heaven, thank you for sending your Holy Son to save us and to meet our greatest needs. Jesus, I believe you are God's gift to all people. You came as a baby, and now you are the Good Shepherd.*

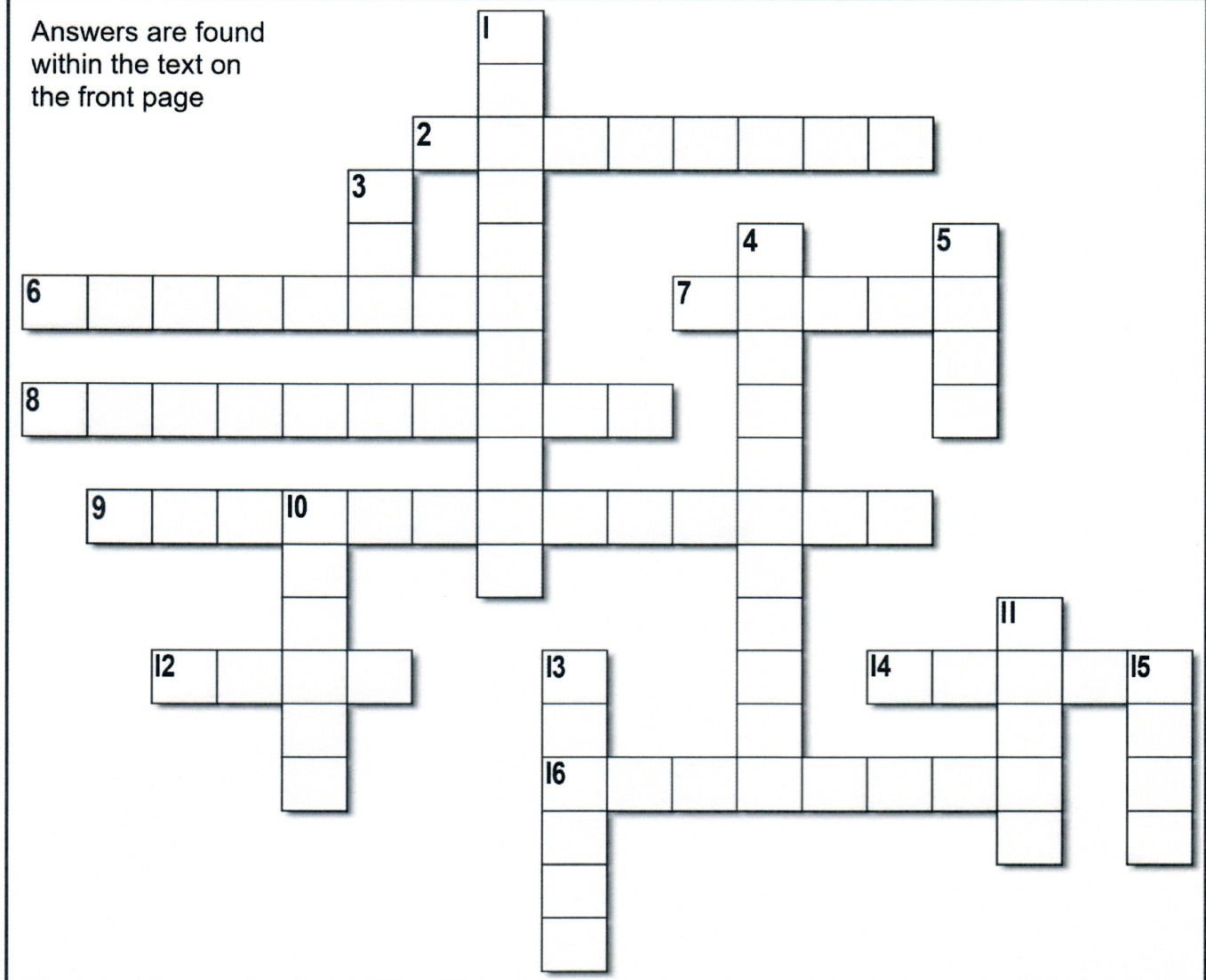
*I open my heart to you, Lord. When I read the list on this paper, I desire... (ask Him for the ones you desire)... Jesus, I look to you for these heavenly treasures. I not only want your blessings, I want to share them with others. For your glory and honor I ask these things. Amen.*



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Fill In The Words

Answers are found  
within the text on  
the front page



### Across

- 2. Military stronghold
- 6. Direction, instruction
- 7. Calm, comfort
- 8. Companionship, togetherness
- 9. Moral goodness
- 12. Deep affection for
- 14. Complete trust in
- 16. Power

### Down

- 1. Family relation, kinship
- 3. Immoral act
- 4. Rescued or set free
- 5. Aid, assist
- 10. God's eternal Kingdom
- 11. Illuminating rays
- 13. Knowing how to apply God's truth
- 15. Expectation in something

*Merry Christmas and may God bless you!*

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**CHRIST** *the savior*  
*is* **BORN**







*O little town of  
Bethlehem*

*How still we see thee lie. Above thy  
deep and dreamless sleep, the silent  
stars go by...*



*The Wise Men Followed the Star*



Christmas

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST  
HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO  
MEN OF GOOD WILL**

**FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A  
SON IS GIVEN, AND THE  
GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS  
SHOULDER, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE  
CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR,  
MIGHTY GOD, PRINCE OF PEACE...**

**Luke 2**