

Series Overview | We live in a world that is filled with hopelessness. A place where peace is often fleeting, war is common, and conflict is constantly lurking around the corner. We live in a world where joy is lost in the hustle and bustle of life. Our world is one where love can feel empty. This is the world in which God sent His Son Jesus to come and save us from sin—to give mankind hope, peace, joy, and love. *Gifts Of Christmas* will remind us that because of the greatest Gift of all, we can have life and know how to share His hope, peace, joy, and love with the world. Each of these four sessions of this series will represent one of the traditional advent themes found in the story of Christ’s birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Large Group Teaching Summary | We live in a world where hope is in short supply. It can seem like everywhere we turn, there is a reason to be defeated or feel hopeless. The truth of the Gospel is that there is always hope. Always! In this session, we will examine how Jesus’ birth personified this ultimate hope.

Key Takeaway | In a world full of hopelessness, God sent the gift of Hope to us through Christ.

Scripture Focus | Genesis 3:8-15, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:25-32, Luke 2:36-38, Romans 5:1-5, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Corinthians 15:19-20, Matthew 28: 19-20, 1 Peter 3:14-15

Gifts of Christmas | Session 1 Discussion Questions

You can use these discussion questions to facilitate small groups after your large group teaching or even create handouts for students to work through the message as you go. These questions are designed to foster conversations, help students think critically about the teaching, and wrestle with how these Biblical truths impact their complicated and ever-changing lives.

Get Them Talking | An Optional Opening Question To Get Students Talking

1. What is the best gift that you’ve ever received for Christmas?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 3:8-15, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:25-32, Luke 2:36-38, Romans 5:1-5, Matthew 28: 19-20, 1 Peter 3:14-15. What do these Scriptures teach you about God? What do they teach you about yourself?
2. What event or thing in your past did you look forward to the most? What kept you going each day till that event happened?
3. Do you know people who are hopeless? Do you ever feel hopeless yourself? What do people who you know hope for? What does life look like without hope?
4. As Christians, where does our hope come from? How does having hope help us do life as Christians?
5. How can we live now in hope? Read Titus 2:11-14.
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, 54-58, and think about how the resurrection can give us hope.
7. Why should we share hope with other people? How can we share our hope with other people?
8. What is one thing that you can do this week to share your hope (found in Jesus) with someone?