

December 13, 2020

*"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*  
John 13:35

# FBCG Kids



## One of the passages ...

My friend has been meeting with an art student to practice English. This art student wanted to specifically study the Bible during these lessons because in art there are any Biblical references. My friend was preparing to move back to the US, so she asked me to take over meeting with this art student. We began meeting during the holiday season. During one of our first meetings, we looked at the Luke 2 passage. The Luke 2 passage is one of those that we can become so used to, especially during the Christmas season. We know we will teach this in Sunday school. We will hear in the Christmas songs and in a sermon. We may read it with our families. For some it has lost its wonder because it is so often used each season. As this student and I sat at the table, juggling a computer for translating, three different

Bibles in different languages, we walked through Luke 2:1-20 verse by verse over the next couple of hours. As we studied this passage, it was like hearing the passage for the first time, seeing it through the art student's eyes. Hearing her questions and thoughts. This was not a typical ESOL lesson where we read the story, pull out vocabulary and play some games with the vocabulary. This was a lesson based on content of the passage. She wanted to know more. Why did the angel go to the shepherds? Why did Jesus come as a baby? Why were Mary and

Joseph chosen? In part of her art classes, she studied the work of various artists some that had paintings of the nativity scene. This was now coming together for her. The churches throughout Europe have much art—sculptures and paintings.

**This Christmas, how can we make something that we are used to, fresh and special? How can we make it come alive again?**



## Calendar Events:

## OCC Update

On Thursday, December 10, twelve FBCG members went to the OCC Processing Center in Boone, NC. The Processing Centers around the US are processing 29,000+ shoeboxes **per day. Yes, per day!**

As soon as a semi is filled, it leaves the Processing Center and is shipped off. On

December 10, the shoeboxes that we processed went to the Ukraine. If you did the "Follow Your Box" option, you should receive an email to let you know where your box goes. As we process the shoeboxes, these boxes are scanned. Our church turned in 579 shoeboxes this year.

Each child that receives a shoebox will have the opportunity to participate in "the Greatest Journey" discipleship program in their language. As they participate in this program, they can also receive a Bible in their language.



## Advent – Week 3

Candle 3 symbolizes joy and is called the “Shepherd’s Candle.” To the shepherd’s great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too.

Scriptures to Read:

Luke 1:14, Luke 2:10-11,  
Isaiah 7:14, Psalm 107:1  
Isaiah 11:1 Galatians 4:4,  
Luke 1:45, Romans 15:13,  
Philippians 4:4-5,  
Luke 2:8-20,  
2 Corinthians 9:13,

“My soul praises the greatness of the Lord.” Luke 1:46

Birthday Blessings!

There are moments that are difficult to express in words. One such time for me was immediately following my son’s birth. I had a C-section, so I was hooked up to all types of tubes for anesthesia and oxygen. But even with all of those awkward instruments and position of my body, I’ll never forget the

moment the doctor laid my newborn son to my chest after he was born. My eyes were immediately filled with tears of absolute joy in witnessing the arrival of my long-awaited baby boy!

Mary was obviously struck with such great pleasure that her very soul was overwhelmed in thankfulness to the Lord for giving her such wonderful news—that soon, she would be the mother of Baby Jesus!

FAMILY ADVENTure:

Assign (or draw for) names of all family members. Each person is to write (or younger children may draw pictures) how they are thankful for the family member assigned to them. In other words, how they’ve been a “Christmas blessing” this past year. The message may be gift-wrapped and then opened Christmas Day.

From the LifeWay Kid Ministry 101 Blog



There is a **Prayer Wall** on the church website. The Prayer Wall is a place to post a prayer need or to pray for the needs that were posted.

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## Mission Moment ...

TCK = Third Culture Kid. TCKs “are individuals who are (or were as children) raised in culture other than their



parents' or the culture of their country of nationality, and also live in a different environment during a significant part of their child development years.” A missionary kid (MK) is often called a TCK now.

Please pray for one or more of these TCKs during this holiday season:

- Abby, Sadye, Seth
- Mallory, Miles, Madison, Mason

- Heidi, Alistair, Maggie
- Andrew, Abigail, Anna, AJ
- Caleb, Caroline
- Holland Grace, James
- Alessia, Ben, Emma, Micah
- Andrew, Benjamin
- Caleb, Reagan, Brett
- Ezra, Salem
- Adelaina, Austin, Felicity, Jack
- Janae, Julia, Jessica
- Joaquin, Martin, Matias
- Caleb, Tyler, Jordan

- Hannah, Joy
- Lia, Kai
- Jack
- Abi, Eli
- Ruby
- Abbie, Andrew
- Susanna Jane
- Kayla, David, Luke
- Trinity, Bethany, Clara
- Isaac, Josiah, Emma, David
- Sofia, Isaiah, Selah
- Morgan, Lindsay
- Brooke, Kyle

