

THE CHRISTMAS STORY
“BACK TO THE BASICS”
LUKE 2:1-20

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- Is centered in the nation and people of Israel.
- Is a story that involves sadness and sacrifice.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY...

- Is the fulfillment of centuries of promises!
 - ✓ To Eve, Gen. 3:15
 - ✓ To Abraham, Gen. 12:3
 - ✓ To Isaac, Gen. 26:24
 - ✓ To Jacob (Israel), Gen. 28:13-15
 - ✓ To David, II Sam. 7:10-16
 - ✓ Through Isaiah, Is. 7:14; 9:6
 - ✓ Through Micah, Micah 5:2.

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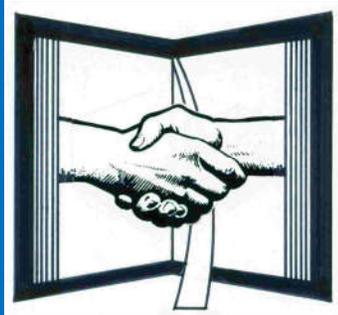
- Shows how God uses “little people.”
- Shows how “everything” can change in an instant!
- Demonstrates the “intersection” of heaven and earth.
- “Shouts” the sovereignty of God!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY...

- Was made necessary by our sin, 11.
- Shows God's initiative in sending the Savior to make our salvation possible, 10-11, 14!
- Should cause everyone to come to Jesus, the Savior, like the shepherds did!, 15

THE CHRISTMAS STORY...

- Should cause everyone to praise and glorify God, like the shepherds did!, 20



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