

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. What are some tangible expressions of this kind of love you might practice this week: At your workplace? In your home? With your friends?

2. Are there fears you need to overcome to share Jesus' love for the world with others? Discuss them with your group and make them a matter of prayer.

**Make sure you read through Chapter 23 before you come to church next weekend.*

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

The Story

Chapter 22, The Birth of the King

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Scene 1: The _____

Lower Story: _____

Upper Story: _____

My Story: _____

Scene 2: The _____

Lower Story: Door _____

Upper Story: _____ the Door

My Story: Do I hear Him _____?

Scene 3: The _____

Lower Story: Fully _____

Upper Story: Fully _____

My Story: He fully _____

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 25, 2024

The Story - Chapter 22, The Birth of the King

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Do you have a favorite Christmas movie? If so, what is it?

According to the following verses, what other descriptions does Jesus give himself?

• **John 1:1-14**

• **John 10:11,14**

• **John 11:25**

• **John 14:6**

2. Since this week of The Story tells the story of Christmas, take a moment to reflect on one of your favorite Christmas memories. Share with your group or fill in the space below.

Why is this important?

3. What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Why?

2. Compare Joseph's story in **Matthew 1:18-23** and Mary's in **Luke 1:26-38**. What do you think they were feeling and thinking at that moment? What parts can you relate to in this season of your life?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. Some people say Jesus was a good man, while others say He was God. We learned on Sunday that Jesus was both fully human and fully God. What are some misconceptions about Jesus we hear in our culture?

3. The entire Christmas story can be wrapped up with one word: **"LOVE."** Read **1 John 4:7-12**. Based on these verses, what is the biblical meaning of love?

What happens to our efforts to love each other if those efforts aren't connected to Jesus' love for us?