

Christmas Story

What is your favorite Christmas Bible Story?

- Shepherds
- Angels
- Manger
- Joseph and Mary
- Star
- Wise Men



"Gold... Frankincense... Myrrh... why wouldn't wise men bring diapers?"

Have any of You Done Research on Your Family History?

- Genealogy, etc.
- Family Albums
- DNA?



Ancestry **Matthew 1:1-5**

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- Why highlight failures? Women?
- Matthews Experience Matthew 9
 - Sinner, Tax Collector, Unfaithful
- Story of Light Piercing Darkness
 - Story of Forgiveness
- Matthew was Part of the Story
 - Firsthand experience
 - Everyone around him considered him unworthy

- 9:2 your sins are forgiven
- 9:6 authority to forgive
- 9:6 get up, take mat, go home!
- 9:9 Then Jesus met Matthew
 - Matthew was as bad as anyone in the genealogy

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 - The Sick need a doctor
 - Not, the healthy

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 - I did not come to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance



