

ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO  
UNDERSTANDS WHAT  
CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT?!



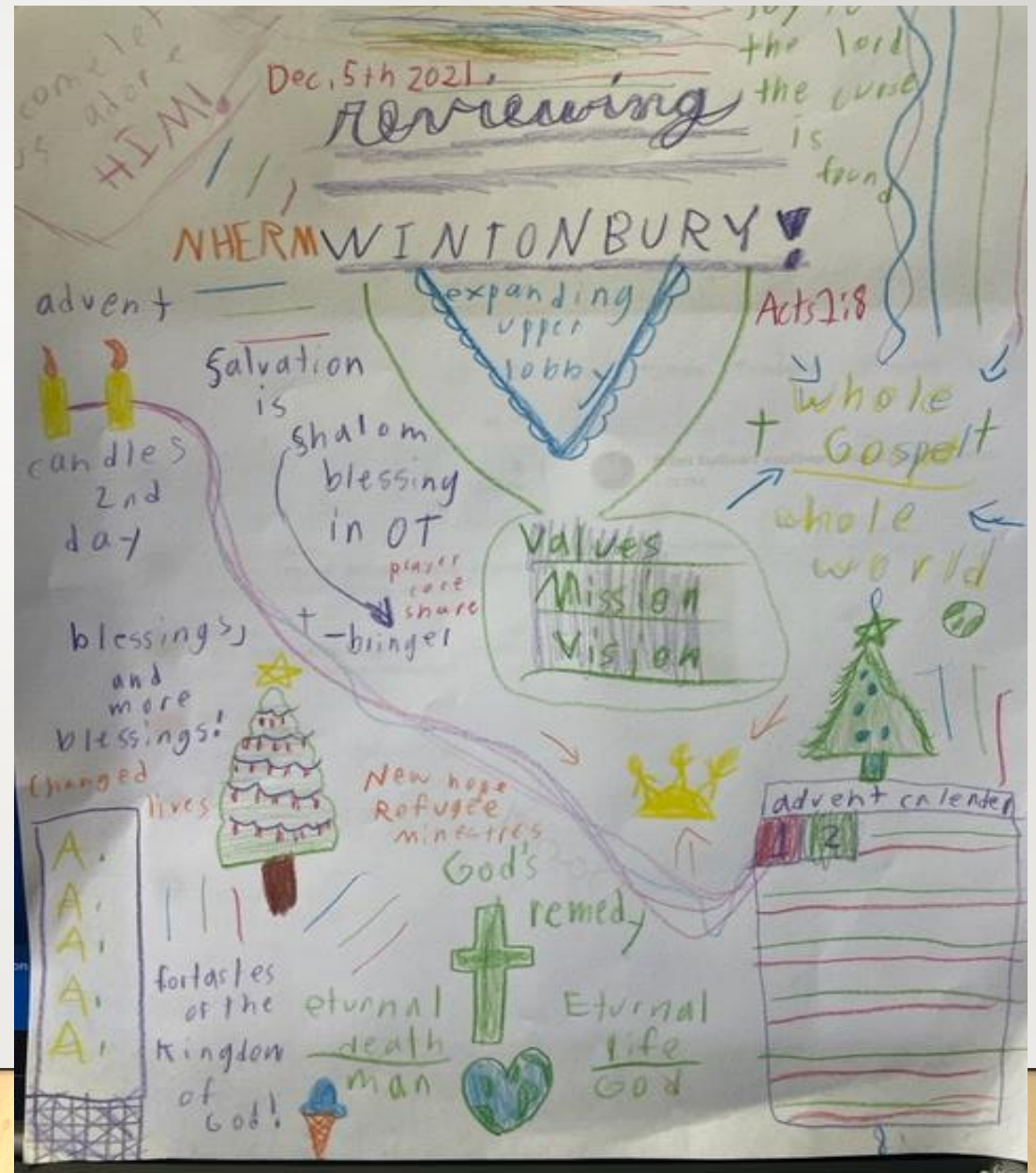
# CHRISTMAS SPECIALS



# LIGHTS, PLEASE!



# SERMON PICTURES Last Sunday



# **CONTEXT**



## **LUKE 2:1-3 (NIV)**

**1** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

**2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

**3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

# ***JOHN 19:11***

***“You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.”***

## **LUKE 2:4-7 (NIV)**

**4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

**5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

**6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

**7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



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THE MANGER

***2) During this Christmas season, remember that, in Christ, we can always trust that God keeps His promises.***

# **LUKE 2:8-14 (NIV)**

**8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

**9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

**11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

**12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

**13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**14** “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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***4) During this Christmas season, remember that, in Christ, we can have His perfect peace (shalom) resting in this Good News.***

## **LUKE 2:15-20 (NIV)**

**15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

**16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

**17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

**18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

**19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

**20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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Step 2 – Spread the word – Witness to others what they experienced

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## **WHY JESUS CAME!**

**Matthew 5:17** – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

**Matthew 9:13** – But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Mark 1:38** – Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come

**Luke 19:10** – For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**John 6:38** – For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

**John 9:39** – Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

**John 10:10** – The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

**John 12:46** – I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

**John 18:37** – “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**1 Timothy 1:15** - Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

# THIS CHRISTMAS!

Let's Join Joseph, Mary, the Angels, the  
Shepherds & of course,

LINUS

**LIGHTS, PLEASE!**

On Jesus Christ & the Good  
News of our Savior's Birth!

(That's what it's all about!)

