

The Gospel Story Of Our Christmas Tree

Kidzone Lesson 12/17/17

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

Who is God's indescribable gift? Jesus! He is the best gift anyone can ever receive! Speaking of gifts, especially Christmas gifts, we are going to learn about another gift God in creation gave us to celebrate Christmas with us, and learning about this gift will teach us an unforgettable gospel story! It is the Christmas Tree, so let's get started with this amazing story.

Every year we look forward to putting up a Christmas tree, we enjoy decorating it, looking at it, and we enjoy having in our house.

However did you know that if you remember all the purposes of the Christmas tree it will tell you the gospel story? Then you every time you look at the Christmas tree you will remember the gospel story. So let's begin our story.

First the Christmas tree is a triangle, a triangle has 3 sides, it takes all three sides to make a triangle right? that shapes reminds us of the trinity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, it takes all three to make up our triune God.

Let's read a scripture, and there are many, that shows us the trinity of God.

Matthew 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

So we know that the Christmas tree being shaped like a triangle will remind us of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Next we notice the color and the kind of the tree, it is an evergreen tree, an evergreen tree stay green all year long even in the winter when it snows and freezes, it stays green in the worst weather. The evergreen tree will remind us of the everlasting life we have in Jesus, let's read a scripture that tells us about our everlasting life in Jesus.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Next we look at the star, the star remind us of the glorious star that God sent to show the shepherds where Jesus was born in a manger. The wise men even followed the star to find Jesus. Let's read a scripture that tells us about the star.

Matthew 2:1-2 (NKJV)

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

so every time we see a star it will remind us that God always directs us to Jesus, and Father God made a way for our salvation through Jesus!

Next we learn about angels on our Christmas tree, sometimes they are put on the top, sometimes they hang on the tree.

God has given us all angels to help us and to keep us safe. The Bible is full of scriptures about angels making announcements of God's plans to people, about angels protecting God's people in dangerous situations about angels freeing and delivering God's people, angels bringing answers to God's people's prayers. Let's read a scripture about when an angel made a special Christmas announcement.

Luke 1:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you;*

therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Next we will learn about the lights on our gospel Christmas tree. Jesus is our light, when we walk with Him we will never be overtaken by the darkness nor will we stumble in the darkness and we will always know our way. Here is just one scripture about Jesus being our light.

John 8:12 (NKJV)

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Also Jesus tells us to be a light to the world, let's read

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

So when we see the lights on the Christmas tree it will remind us that Jesus is the light to the world and that we being like Jesus are to let our light shine into the world as a testimony to Him.

Next we will learn about the garland, we wrap the garland around and around the tree from the top to the bottom, and it remind us that God's love always surrounds us, that He will never leave, or forsake us, that He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Let's read in scripture about this

Psalms 33:22 (NLT)

²² Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)

⁵ *Let your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

So when we see the garland on the Christmas tree we will know that God's love always surrounds us, that He is always there for us!

Next we learn about the ornaments on the Christmas tree, we use round ornament balls to hang on our tree, this tells us that God's love for us is never ending just as a circle is never ending. Sometimes we hang gingerbread men on Christmas trees, he hangs there with his arms open, just as Jesus hung on the cross with His arms open giving His life for us. Sometimes we hang snowflakes on our Christmas tree, every snowflake is unique and different in its own way, there are no two just exactly alike.

This reminds us that God created each of us unique and special and made His way just for Him.

And last but not least of all, we will learn about the candy cane. The candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's crook, a staff that a shepherd used to help protect the sheep and to pull them out of danger when needed. The candy cane is a hard candy, hard like a rock, to remind us that Jesus is the solid rock of our salvation. The candy cane is red and white, the red reminds us that Jesus shed His blood for our salvation, and the white is to remind us that we have been forgiven of our sin because of His blood and that we have been cleansed from all of our sin, and then we stand before God pure. Let's read a scripture about that.

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

So when we see our Christmas tree it will remind us of the gospel story. And surely that can't surprise us because after all it is a CHRISTmas tree!

1. Who is our indescribable gift?
2. What is another gift, besides Jesus, that God gave us to celebrate Christmas with us?
3. How does the Christmas tree tell the gospel story?

