Is Christmas Really Over? KZ Lesson Sun Am 12/31/23

# Memory Verse: 1 John 3:1 NKJV

# 3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Target Thought: We are a child of God.

 Did you receive gifts for Christmas? What was your favorite gift?

There’s one thing I’ve learned about Christmas gifts. No matter how much you enjoy receiving them, they just don't last forever. If you got nice, new clothes, eventually they’ll wear out, go out of style, or you’ll outgrow them. Even if you got a fun toy you really enjoy, eventually it could break or you’ll grow tired of it. Maybe you got candy in your stocking, but when you eat it, it’s gone.

But there’s one Christmas gift that’s different. It never wears out. It never goes out of style. You’ll never grow out of it. It’s the true gift that Christmas is all about, it’s God's gift to us: His Son, Jesus.

The Bible tells us that all who receive Jesus and believe in His name become the children of God! When we become the children of God, we have all of the rights and privileges of being His child. God will love us, protect us, and provide everything that we need. The best part is that it never ends. In Psalm 23:6, the Bible says that kindness and love will be with us every day of our life and we will live forever in God’s house.

I enjoy giving and receiving gifts at Christmas, but I think it’s important to remember the greatest gift of all was God's gift to us. It’s the gift that keeps on giving! Once the celebration of Christmas is over, like when we go back to school and work, should we forget about Jesus? NO!!! Why not? Because He will always love us, He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Jesus loves us so much He wants us to be with Him all of time.

We know that we are a child of God once we ask Jesus to forgive us and to come in our heart. The best part about being a child of God is everything. God is always with us, in us and for us! Father God with Jesus has everything we will ever need now and forever. And very soon we will all get to go to Heaven to live with Him and rule and reign Heaven and Earth. We will always be His children and He will always be our Father. The Bible tells that there is nothing that can ever separate us from God. That is so exciting! Imagine the perfect that last for now and forever! Another exciting part about Jesus being our eternal, forever gift is that He is our gift but we get to share and share and share Him with everyone else so that they can be children of God and be love and protected and provided for just like we are.

Father God always knew exactly all that we would ever need in the perfect gift and He gave it to us in Jesus!

Dear God, we thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your Son so we too can become Your children. In Jesus' name we thank You, amen.

1 Who is our best gift ever?

2 Does our perfect gift from God ever end?

3 Should we forget about Jesus when the Christmas celebration is over? Why not?

4 Is Jesus always with us?

5 Are we a child of God?