

The Star

The Glory Of Christmas

1 - The Plans: God interrupts our plans, so we can live His perfect plan.

2 - The Spotlight: Jesus must be the focal point, He is the reason.

3 - The Precedents: God uses imperfect people and situations for His perfect glory.

4 - The Responsibility: God has given us a responsibility to carry out His perfect plan.

5 - The Star: Play your part...

Mission #1: _____

Shine Bright

- We get to be _____ star that points people to _____: Jesus, the true Glory of Christmas.

Matthew 2:1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men [royal astrologers;] from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, **2** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." (NLT)

From A Certain Point Of View

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. **15** No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (NLT)

Places Everyone...

Mission #2: _____

Endure = Love

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6** It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. *(NLT)*

Matthew 2:9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! **11** They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *(NLT)*

Mission #3: _____

Give It Away

1 Thessalonians 2:8 We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too. **9** Don’t you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God’s Good News to you. **10** You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers. **11** And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. **12** We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory. *(NLT)*

Mission #4: _____

Illuminate The Dark

Grow The Family

Daniel 12:3 Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever. *(NLT)*

Trust The Father

- If we will be faithful to _____, Jesus will be faithful to _____.

Ephesians 5:8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! *(NLT)*

John 8:12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." *(NLT)*

1 Peter 1:19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. **20** God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake. *(NLT)*

1 Peter 2:9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. *(NLT)*

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. *(NLT)*

Until All Know

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