



JOY TO THE WORLD

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And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." LUKE 2:10

Christmas is God's _____ wrapped in human flesh.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises . . . PSALM 98:4-9

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." C.S. LEWIS, SURPRISED BY JOY

"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."
JESUS IN LUKE 15:7

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. PSALM 30:5

Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. HEBREWS 12:2

"Joy Stealers"

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1. Christmas joy is a _____ from God.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. LUKE 2:8-10

2. Christmas joy is a _____ of the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy. GALATIANS 5:22

3. Christmas joy is a _____.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. JAMES 1:2

"Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation." KAY WARREN, CHOOSE JOY: BECAUSE HAPPINESS ISN'T ENOUGH