

## Christmas Week

No Sunday School on December 24

This Week's Devotions

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Ruth 4  
Psalm 1  
Psalm 23  
Jeremiah 29  
Isaiah 11  
Luke 2

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Matthew 1:23-25

*23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."  
24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.<sup>1</sup>*

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What do you do on Christmas?

How do you prepare for Christmas?

How does the past help us to understand the present and the future?

We read and re-read the Christmas story found in Matthew 1 and Luke 2. Why?

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<sup>1</sup>Scripture taken from the New King James Version, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers) 1998, c1982.

The Roper Organization knows when we've been sleeping and knows when we're awake on Christmas Day. Here's what they discovered Americans do on the holiday:

- Open presents (68 percent)
- Visit family or friends (61 percent)
- Watch a football game (31 percent)
- Have a fire in the fireplace (15 percent)
- Leave food out for Santa (10 percent)
- Stay in bed sick or alone (4 percent)
- Go caroling (2 percent)

Still ahead of the football game is attending church, an activity chosen by 39 percent of Americans.

-- "To Verify," *Leadership*.

What are you doing on Christmas?