

SONGS OF **christmas**



Peace on Earth
Luke 2:8-35

1. Jesus came to restore our broken relationship with God.
2. Jesus came to be everything we really need.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Think about the phrase “Peace on Earth” associated with Christmas. What does the average person understand that phrase to mean? Why? Is your celebration of Christmas one that gives you peace? Explain.
2. Read Luke 2:8-14. Why would we need God to send a Savior to bring us peace? Explore Romans 5:9-12 and Isaiah 53:5. How did our relationship with God get broken? Why were the angels so excited to sing about the importance of this event?
3. Simeon showed up in the temple and took the baby Jesus, just 40 days old, from Mary and started to sing. Read Luke 2:25-32. What emotion does this evoke in you? Is there anything that keeps you from being so satisfied with Jesus that you don’t need anything from the world?
4. Simeon gives a prophecy to Mary about the tension that Jesus will bring. Read Luke 2:33-35. Think back over the life of Jesus and discuss some of the opposition Mary and Jesus would face. As a follower of Jesus do you tend to think your life will be mostly peaceful or opposition? Explain your thoughts.

MEMORY VERSE

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:14