

WHO NEEDS
CHRISTMAS
THE WORLD DID



*The Christmas Story
is an unbelievable story.*

*The Christmas Story
is a remarkable story.*

The Christmas Story

*begins with an unbelievable,
incoherent, impossible promise.*

“The Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.’”

Genesis 12: 1 NIV

*“I will make you into a **great nation**,
and I will bless you;
I will make your **name great**,
and you will be a **blessing**
... and **all** peoples on earth
will be **blessed through you.**”*

Genesis 12: 2-3 NIV

*Abraham **believed** God's
unbelievable, incoherent,
impossible **promise**.*



Abraham



Ishmael

Arab Nations



Isaac



Jacob



12 Sons

Nation of Israel

Moses

The Kingdom of Israel

*The **Kingdom** of Israel
was divided.*

*“I will also make you
a **light** for the **Gentiles**,
that my **salvation** may reach
to the **ends** of the **earth**.”*

Isaiah 49: 6 NIV

*“ My **name** will be great among the **nations**,
from where the sun **rises** to where it **sets**.
In **every place** incense and pure offerings will
be brought to **me**, because **my name**
will be **great** among the **nations**;
says the Lord Almighty.”*

Malachi 1: 11 NIV

*Israel was overrun first by
the Assyrians, then by the
Babylonians, Persians, Greeks,
and then finally the Romans.*

*All the nations on the earth
would **not** be **blessed**
through Abraham.*

*Israel would **not**
be a **light** to the Gentiles.*

*The Jewish God
would **not** be **worshipped**
throughout the world.*

*“When the **set time** had **fully come**,
God sent **His Son** ...”*

Galatians 4: 4 NIV

*“ ... God sent the angel **Gabriel** to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, to a **virgin** pledged to be married to a man named **Joseph**, a descendent of **David**. The virgin’s name was **Mary**. The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you are **highly favored!** The Lord is **with you.**’ ”*

Luke 1: 26-28 NIV

*“ ... You have found **favor** with God.
You will conceive and give birth to a son, and
you are to call him **Jesus**.
He will be **great** and and will be called the Son
of the Most High. The Lord God will give him
the **throne** of his father **David**, and he will **reign**
over Jacob’s descendants **forever**; ... **His**
kingdom will never end.”*

Luke 1: 30b-33 NIV

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through Abraham.*

The Christmas Story:
Israel would become
a light to the Gentiles.

The Christmas Story:

The Jewish God

*would be worshipped throughout
the world.*

Who needs Christmas?

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The world needed Christmas.

CATALYST PRAYER TEAM

If you would like someone to pray for you, we have folks on our prayer team up front who would love to pray for you.

