

When Love Came Down to Earth Luke 2:15-20

The BIG Idea

Jesus is the _____ of God's love.

1 John 4:9, "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him."

Proofs of God's Love

1. God _____

- It isn't an "_____" that brings the shepherds to Bethlehem; it's a "_____."
- It isn't out of _____ that they leave their sheep; it's out of _____, because the Lord has made it known to them.

Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

Romans 10:17, "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

2. God _____

- "And they ... found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger," just as God had said.
- Our faith in God isn't a leap in the dark; it's _____, because it's confirmable and _____.
- It isn't a _____ faith; it's a _____ faith.

2 Peter 1:16-21 ...

- In God's Word, we have something _____ than the glory that Peter saw; we have something more sure than that, something more fully _____ than that.
- So don't discount the _____ we have in the written Word.

2 Corinthians 1:20, "All the promises of God find their Yes in Jesus."

3. God _____

- It wasn't their personal _____ that they shared; it was God's _____ that they shared.
- God gets His message out through _____ and _____ people.
- What can God, in love, do through you to spread the "good news of great joy" to those in your world?

Romans 5:8, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."