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The Force is With You
Luke 2:1-20

The Force vs. The Biblical Triune God

- Differences:
- Similarities:

The Surprising Meaning of Christmas:

Jesus was born at a tough time to teach us that:

I. **God is with us in our _____.**

Luke 2:1-3, *Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.*

Do you know what it feels like to go through a difficult time in life?

Jesus was born in an inconspicuous place to teach us that:

II. **God is with us in our _____.**

Luke 2:4-7 *Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. 6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

Do you know what it feels like to feel unwanted, go unnoticed or be unappreciated?

Jesus was born to common people to teach us that:

III. **God is with us in our _____.**

Luke 2:8-11 *In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Do you ever think "I'm a regular person", why would God be interested in me?

Point: The force is with you.



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Do you know what it feels like to go through a difficult time in life?
2. Do you know what it feels like to feel unwanted, go unnoticed or be unappreciated?
3. Do you ever think "I'm a regular person", why would God be interested in me?
4. What does it mean to me personally that God has come to people like me?
5. What would my life look like if I received Jesus, like how the shepherds and Mary and Joseph received Jesus?

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