

Christmas is full of memories for most of us. We dive into preparations: decorating, baking, shopping, travel planning, watching Christmas specials and movies, and of course, last minute, frantic buying. We enjoy our Christmas traditions as we head toward the beginning of the New Year that will soon be upon us. But it does get terribly busy. So, I've been asking myself lately, "why Christmas?" If this is a time to celebrate and worship God, let's ask ourselves some important questions like, what was on His mind as He prepared for the advent, the coming of our Savior? Let's carefully reflect on John 3:16 as an answer to that question, "**Why Christmas?**"

God loves the _____:

God has been _____ about His people for a long, long time:

God's love is:

God always had _____:

Personal Application and Interaction

1. Describe one of your favorite Christmas things or traditions.
2. Who among your family or friends is God “missing” at Christmas?
3. What was God thinking as He prepared for the advent of the Christ, our Savior?
4. In what ways is your understanding of “why Christmas” reinforced by a solid grasp of how God loves the world?
5. Does God love you? Why or why not? What do you think He wants you to do with that notion?



John 3:16a

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