

## Our Theme

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. Luke 2:15–17 (ESV)

1. See the true Christmas story.
2. Tell our friends and community the Christmas story.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

## Church is worth the inconvenience of the trip.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:39–40 (ESV)

not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)

Streaming is better than not attending church. Streaming is not church.

## God confirms his calling on our life through other Christians.

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A newborn is called a baby.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12 (ESV)

A toddler is called a baby.

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Luke 18:15–16 (ESV)

**Abortion Statistics** - <http://www.heartlink.org/directors/abortion/A000000073.cfm>

1. One in every six women having abortions claim to be Christians. 250,000 of the 1.5 millions abortions a year.
2. 32 percent of abortions are given to women ages 20 to 24.

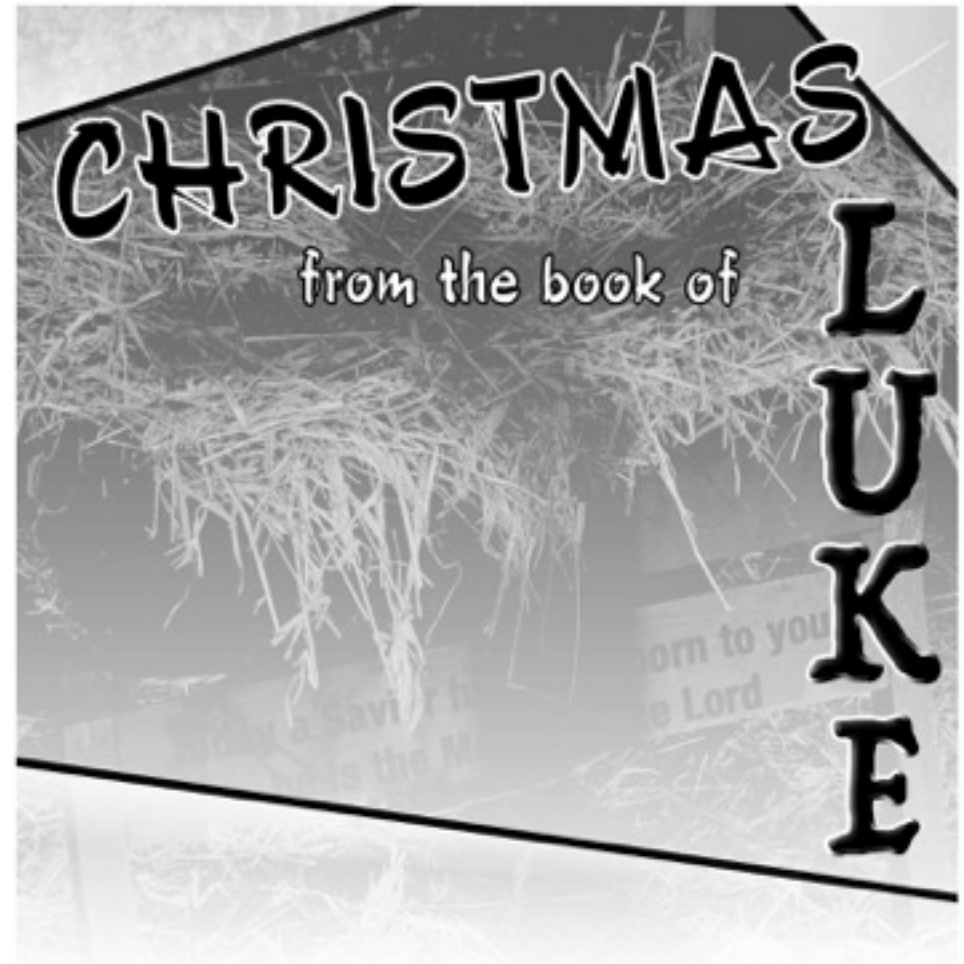
3. 40 percent of all women ages 15 to 33 have had at least one abortion.
4. 50 percent of women having abortion use it as their sole means of birth control.

There is a **blessing** when I take God at his **word**.

*And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Luke 1:45 (ESV)*

1. *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)*
2. *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44 (ESV)*
3. *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)*

1. Church is worth the inconvenience of the trip.
2. God confirms his calling on our life through other Christians.
3. God is Pro-Life. *Christmas means Jesus came to die for my sin.*
4. There is a blessing when I take God at his word.



## Mary and Elizabeth — Why Do I Need Christian Friends?



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