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LOVE IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Matthew 1:21-23   *She will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." This all happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: "Look! The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."*

John 3:16   *For God so LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

God's love is _____ behind the mission and method of Christmas.

LOVE IN GOD'S STORY

1 John 4:8   *Whoever does not love does not know God, because GOD IS LOVE.*

Love is an essential part of God's _____.

Exodus 34:6-7a   *And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in LOVE and faithfulness, maintaining LOVE to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished...*

God's love is a _____ _____ in our relationship with Him.

LOVE IN OUR STORY

Romans 8:35-39   *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

God's love will _____ _____ us.

1 John 4:9-10   *This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*