

1 Timothy 3:14 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, 15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. 16 Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness

is great:

He appeared in a body,
was vindicated by the Spirit,

was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,

was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.



Believe!
This Christmas



Daily Devotionals

Monday - read John 24-31

- ☺ We always label this disciple doubting Thomas, but Jesus met him where he was. What doubts do you have and how does this reassure you?
- ☺ Reread verse 29. Who is this verse about? Write this verse out using different words, since it's about you, it's kind of important.
- ☺ Reread verse 31. The Bible was written so we could believe, but we believe so we can have life. What is life like without belief?

Tuesday - read John 1:1-14

- ☺ In this passage, Jesus is called the WORD. What does verse 1 say about the word?
- ☺ Jesus did not come into being at Christmas, it's then that He appeared in human form. That's called the incarnation. Why is it better to serve a God who has always been, rather than one which was born 2,000 years ago?
- ☺ Reread verse 14. For our God to do that for us it means some things about who He is and what He thinks. What are those things?

Wednesday - read Philippians 2:1-11

- ☺ List all the ways that Christ limited His God-ness to be a human. Why would He do that? Why was it necessary?
- ☺ Reread verse 8 & 9. These seem to stand in contrast to each other (like opposites), but why are they connected with a *therefore*?
- ☺ How does it make you feel as a believer that eventually every knee will bow to Christ?

Thursday - read Hebrews 4:14-16

- ☺ Jesus ascending to Heaven may seem like a downer since He isn't here physically anymore. Why does this passage say it's a good thing?
- ☺ Jesus being human for a time gives Him empathy. Where in your life are you most glad He understands us?
- ☺ Reread verse 16. Why not make a list and do this today?

Friday - read James 2:14-25

- ☺ How should this passage speak to believers about charity, especially during the holidays?
- ☺ Apparently belief is more than something you have in your head (reread 19). Write a definition of belief from this passage.
- ☺ If faith without deeds is dead... how can you have a living faith today? Do it.

