Garwood
Second Grade
Mrs. Dromgoole's Class
Continued

Dear Santa,

How re you doing in the North Pole. Are you haveing fun in North pole Santa. I hope you come to my house first. You will see a pretty tree at my house. what I want for christmas is a Rodir set and a furniture play set and princess skayla, action shot 35mm camera. Have a great christmas santa.

Your friend,
Shawanna Pettus

Dear Santa,

I love you very much Santa I want a lot of things for Christmas. But the things I want the most are a barbie doll, watch, barbie house and a bike. I like a bike and I want to learn to ride a bike. A barbie house is very perty and I like to play.

Your friend,
Sarah Saenz

Dear Santa,

I think I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a VCR, hot wheel race track, computer, Nintendo 64 game. I hope to see you.

Your friend, Paul

Dear Santa,

I wod want a bike.
I wod want a beegun.
I wod want a mocininroy.
I wod want a bog.

Your friend, Jordan

Dear Santa,

I wonder if you are real Santa caues one by in my class sad you were not real. I did not belive him I belive mysefl. And have a happy Christmas night.

Your friend,
Jessica Cruz

Third Grade
Mrs. Henry's Class

Dear Santa,

I want a Dream Phone, Mall Maddness, Girl talk and a computer. Also want Sabria's Crystball, and a bike. My mom wants a ring, necklace and some clothes for winter. My dad wants some cloth, and a cap. My brother wants Power Rangers, batman with his car, Hotwheels cars and race car, and a Gocart.

Your Loving,
April Pagel

Dear Santa Claus,

I thought a lot about this I only want two things.

I want a Play Station and an outside rabbit that is small. Please bring my mom, my dad, and sister somthing, too. There will be milk and cookies on the table. Have a safe flight and say hello to your reindeer especially Rudph.

Sincerely,
Hillary Johnson

Dear Santa,

I want it to snow in Garwood and in anson. I want an American Girl purse and roller blades. a computer, a Leopard blanket, and something for the whole family which new Christmas tree. I also want a gocart. I want a Lot of American Girl stiff. What ever my cousins want will you give it to them!

Love,
Kacie Smith

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a N64, a remote controle race car a pack of baseball cards, a baseball singed by Ken Griffy Jr and a big set of Legos. have a safe tip and say hi to your reindeer for me. I will have milk and choocies by my fireplace.

Your buddy,
Adam Shimek

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for My family and me. First, I want Girl Talk, Dream Phone, and Mall Maddness. I want Sabrina's Magic Crystal ball and Sabrina's Magic phone. I want it to snow in Garwood. I want a Play station, Roller blades, and a go cart. I want a computer, clothes, and shoes, a real diamond ring and an Easy Bake Oven. Please bring each in my family one hundred dollars. I want everybody to have a great Christmas.

Love,
Marisol Tapia

Dear Santa,

I would like a play station and a football. My mom would like a dress and a skirt.

Your freind,
Brizek Ray Fry

Dear Santa,

How are you doing?

I would like to have a telephone, my own bedroom, a new diary, new skates, high heels. For Mom I want you to get her a glass rectangle that has MOM on it.

For Dad I want you to get him a coffee cup that says I Love you Daddy!

For Chloe please get her a new bike.

For Hannah please get her a jeep. For Levi please bring him new toys.

Your friend,
Jessy Loren Besch

Dear Santa,

I wish to have Philip and Adrian together for two years.

Sincerely,
Daniela Tellez

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station. I want a radio with big speaks. I want a real phone. I want remote control car, I want a real four wheeler. I want a real shotgun. My Mom wants a necklace. My Dad want a pickup. My sister whants a cd player.

Your friend,
Kevin Thompson

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year? I'm doing fine. I would like to have you bring my family these things. For my dad bring a tool kit. For my mom please bring a picture that says I love you mom and dad. For Kyle bring some tennis shoes. For Klay bring a new truck. For my sister bring a new VCR and for me I want a Gerbil, a Sabrina's ball and phone I hope everyone a Merry Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

From,
Kourtney Korenek

Dear Santaclaus,

I want a Playstatcon and a Nintendo 64. I want a sega and I want clothes. I wish we would have snow. I want the football game for the play statcon. I want a computer. I want my sister to get a clothes I want skater I want the movie space Jam. I want for my mom a dress. I want for my dad boots.

Your friend,
Roque Torres Jr.

Dear Santa,

I want the Titanic movie. I want a little puppy. I ant to go to Alaska so I can go to the bottem of the sea and go see the Titanic Ship. Please bring my whole family to have $10,000.

Love,
Amber Lynn Duque

Dear Santa,

I would like at least one uncle for Christmas. For my sister Brandie I would love if you got her a Nintindo 64 and for Brittani please let Corey come down and play. For my Mom a new pretty dress. For my dad get him a tool kit. For me please I would like Meagan K. to come down the Chrismas. Have a nice flight oh and say hello to your reindeer especialy rudph.

Love,
Megan Renee Bartlett

Dear Santa,

I want Bop It, Game boy and Dream Phone. I also want Baby Born, a dog and a cat. Could you bring me a play Station and $1,000. My mom want necklace and my Daddy want a car. I went it to snow. I want to meet Mrs. Claus.

Sincerely, Love
Darnesheia Stevens

Dear Santa,

I want it to snow in Garwood. I want a Easy Bake Oven and a C.D. player and a C.D. called Now. I want my grandma to get better. I want everybody to be rich. I want a painting prasses.

Love, Shelly Walker

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 and the CD Presha. I want a race car set that has a triple Loops. I want a remote control care. I want a go cart that has lights and four wheel drive. I want my own baby bed gle. I want a blow gun. I want a computer. Will you pleas give my mom a diamond ring. Pleas give my dad a new knife.

Your friend,
Trey Staff

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. You are special to me. I would like a gigapet, Shiver baby and Paddy Cake doll.

I Love you! I have been good this year.

Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love, Kaydi

Second Grade

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. There is one thing I want a a pietare of you. My favorite raindeer is Vixen. By the way, there is one more toy I want. It is a magic glass with snow in it.

Merry Christmas, Santa,

Love, Chelsea Korenek

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a safe trip with the raindear. I hope you have these tou things in your sach. I whould like to have a 20 gauge sot gun. I want a skatbord. I like the raindear with the red nose.

To. Santa
From. Trent

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a nice Christmas season. Are you working on the lists twice to rmbering. To take the list with you I would like a storee book and, I wold like a pauraejrs meagship and a gigPet.

Merry Christmas, Carlos Paschall

St. Mary's
First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? I love December! I hope you have these; an Amazing Amy and a gigapet.

Have alot of fun on Christmas when you and the raindeer are out riding around the world delivering presents.

Merry Christmas

Nicole Drlik

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa?

What ar you going to do for Christmas day? I would like a gigpet if you have one. How is Mrs. Klas? Hope she is O.K.! Merry christmas!

Love,
Amber Huvar

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good time getting ready for your Christmas Evetrip.

Are the raindeer healthy, Santa? Can you please get me Super Singing Tommy, a Furby and a dinosaur book.

May you have a blessed Christmas.

Love,
Rachel Korenek

Birth of Christ
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dence were served by this.

1. Hereby the virgin Mary was brought, great with child, to Bethlehem, to be delivered there, according to the prediction; whereas she had designed to lie in at Nazareth. See how man purposes and God disposes; and how Providence orders all things for the fulfilling of the scripture, and makes use of the projects men have for serving their own purposes, quite beyond their intention, to serve His.

2. Hereby it appeared that Jesus Christ was of the seed of David; for what brings his mother to Bethlehem now, but because she was of the stock and lineage of David? This was a material thing to be proved, and required such an authentic proof as this. Justin Martyr and Terullian, two of the earliest advocates for the Christian religion, appeal to these rolls or records of the Roman empire, for the proof of Christ's being born of the house of David.

3. Hereby it appeared that He was made under the law; for He became a subject of the Roman empire as soon as He was born, a servant of rulers, (Isa. 49;7). Many suppose that, being born during the time of the taxing, He was enrolled as well as His father and mother, that it might appear how He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant. Instead of having kings tributaries to Him, when He came into the world He was Himself a tributary.

III. The circumstances of His birth, which were very mean, and under all possible marks of contempt. He was indeed a first-born son; but it was a poor honor to be the first-born of such a poor woman as Mary was, who had no inheritance to which He might be entitled as first-born, but what was in nativity.

1. He was under some abasements in common with other children; he was wrapped in swaddling clothes, as other children are when they are newborn, as if he could be bound, or needed to be kept straight. He that makes darkness a swaddling band for the sea was himself wrapped in swaddling bands, (Job 38:9). The everlasting Father became a child of time, and men said to Him whose out-goings were of old from everlasting, "We know this man, whence He is." (Jn. 7:27). The Ancient of days became an infant of a span long.

2. He was under some abasements peculiar to Himself.

(1.) He was born at an inn. That son of David that was the glory of His father's house had no inheritance that He could command, no not in the city of David, no nor a friend that would accommodate his mother in distress with lodgings to be brought to bed in. Christ was born in an inn, to intimate that He came into the world but to sojourn here for awhile, as in an inn, and to teach us to do likewise. An inn receives all comers, and so does Christ. He hangs out the banner of love for His sign, and whoever comes to Him,He will in no wise cast out; only, unlike other inns, He welcomes those that come without money and without price. All is on free cost.

(2.) He was born in a stable; so some think the word signifies which we translate a manger, a place for cattle to stand to be fed in. Because there was no room in the inn, and for want of conveniences, nay for want of necessaries, He was laid in a manger, instead of a cradle. The word which we render swaddling clothes some derive from a word that signifies to rend, or tear, and these infer that He was so far from having a good suit of child-bed linen, that His very swaddles were ragged and torn. His being born in a stable and laid in a manger was an instance.

[1] Of the poverty of His parents, had they been rich, room would have been made for them; but, being poor, they must shift as they could.

[2.] Of the corruption and degeneracy of manners in that age; that a woman in reputation for virtue and honour should be used so barbarously. If there had been any common humanity among them, they would not have turned a woman in travail into a stable.

[3.] It was an instance of the humiliation of our Lord Jesus. We were become by sin like an out-cast infant, helpless and forlorn; and such a one Christ was. Thus He would answer the type of Moses, the great prophet and lawgiver of the Old Testament, who was in his infancy cast out in an ark of bullrushes, as Christ in a manger. lying in a feed trough. They glorified and praised God for what they had seen. They were never the same. And neither was the world.

The Glory of the Ordinary

By Pastor Brent Beasley, First Baptist Church

One of the most striking things about the story of Christmas is the ordinariness of so much of it. Shepherds. A barn. A feed trough. A baby. Cows. A donkey. A working class man and his teenage pregnant wife.

One of my favorite movies is Indiana Jones and the last Crusade. Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford, is ths archaeologist, and his dad, played by Sean Connery, is obsessed with finding the holy grail. The holy grail is the cup used by Jesus at the last supper. They go through all these adventures and trails, and at the end of the movie Indiana Jones and one of the bad guys finally get to this cave where the holy grail is. But there's not just one cup in there. There are about 20 different kinds of old cups lined up.

They don't know which one is the holy grail. The bad guy, who wants the grail because of it's worth a lot of money and he thinks drinking from it will give him eternal life, picks the fanciest looking gold cup there. He thinks it's a prize to be won. He drinks from it, and he dies. Bad choice. Indiana Jones looks at all the cups, and he thinks out loud, "Carpenter's son, carpenter's son." And he picks the plainest, the ugliest cup that he sees.

And that is the right one. It's the holy grail.

Evidently Indiana Jones knew something about the Bible. He knew Jesus was a carpenter's boy. Maybe Indiana Jones had read the Christmas story where Luke says the shepherds found Jesus in a barn lying in a feed trough.

It was a very ordinary cup that held the wine on that last supper. It wasn't the container that was so meaningful. It wasn't a beautiful, ornate, old goblet. It was just an old cup. What made it so meaningful was that Jesus said what was in that cup represented his blood—the blood he would shed on the cross for us.

It was just an ordinary manger the shepherds went to see. Nothing special about it at all. It's what was in the manger that was special: a baby named Jesus. And it was just an ordinary baby—crying, spitting up and all the other things babies do. But God was in that baby—God was that baby. He was God's son.

God can bring glory to the ordinary. God does it all the time.

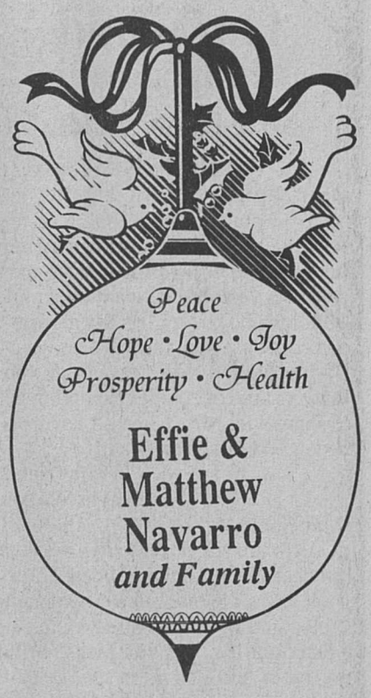
He did it with a cup at the last supper.

He did it with a manger.

He did it with a baby.

And God can bring glory out of the ordinary in our lives as well. It's a surprising and wonderful thing, the way God works in our lives.

The shepherds went to Bethlehem and found the son of God in a barn



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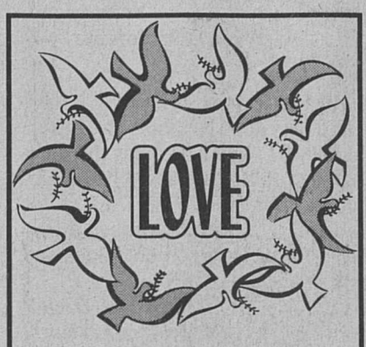

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All the best to you and yours.
From
Peggy & "Bingo"
Johnson & Family

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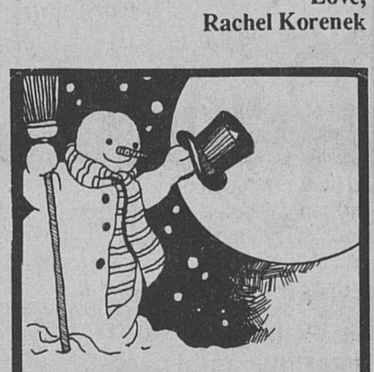
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