



Smith Rock
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Finding
Christmas

Sermon notes
and
study guide

**For the week of
20th December 2020**



Christmas Reveal

Exodus 33:12-34:9 or page 68 in a church bible.

Main points

1. S _____ **to K** _____

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (ESV)

2. P _____ **is E** _____

38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for

your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 2:38–39 (ESV)

3. N_____ is the S_____

27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

John 12:27–28 (ESV)

WHAT NEXT?



What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?

What was the main point of the sermon?

What stood out for you in this text.

**What is one thing you are going to do with what you
heard this next week**

12 Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." 14 And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen." 34 The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of

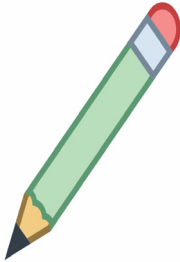
stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. 2 Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. 3 No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” 4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. 5 The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” 8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. 9 And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

Exodus 33:12–34:9 (ESV)

Sermon notes

for kids

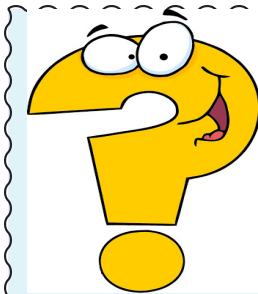
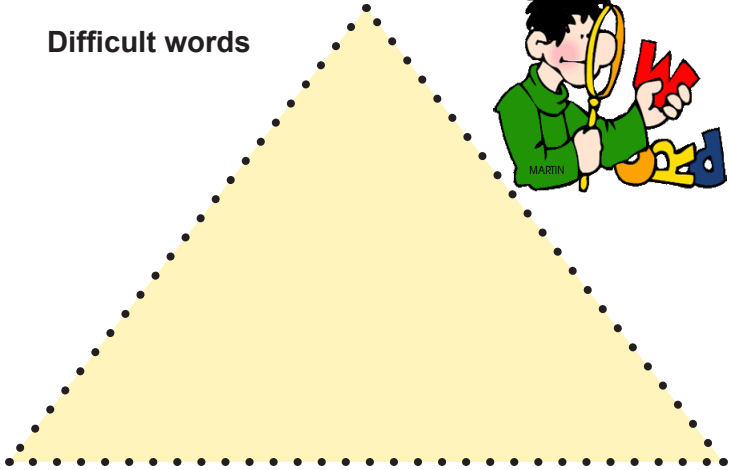
Favourite song today



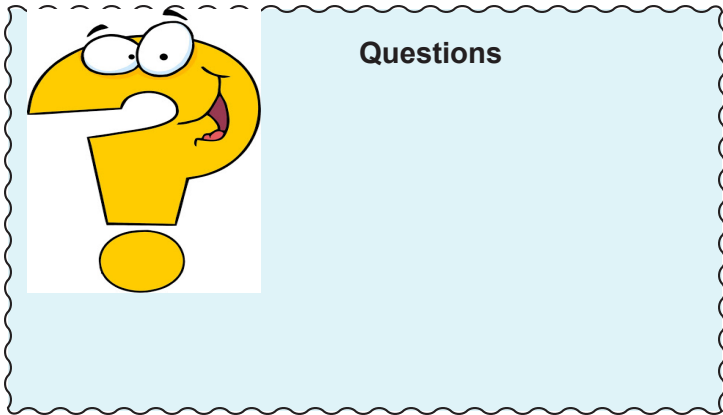
Draw a picture from the sermon

NAME OF THE BOOK

Difficult words



Questions



Today I learned

Handwriting practice lines consisting of five horizontal lines on a light orange background.



Further study for *Groups and individuals*

Review

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment to review what you wrote you were going to take action on.

How did it go? _____

What did you learn? _____

What is a present you have given which has surprised someone the most? _____

What is a present you received which surprised you the most? _____

What caused the surprise? _____

What surprises you the most about what God has given you? _____

Have you ever faced a time when you didn't "feel" God's presence? _____

Was it real or perceived? _____

Paul says;

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39 (ESV)

What does this tell you no matter how you might “feel” at any particular time? _____

Moses is concerned that if God’s presence does not go with them, they will lose their distinctness. Why is this such a distinction about God’s people? _____

Read John 14:15-17, 25-26, 15:4b -15.

Why are we better off than even Moses when it comes to God’s presence? _____

Peter says;

*24 for “All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.”
And this word is the good news that was preached
to you.*

1 Peter 1:24–25 (ESV)

Compare God’s glory to human’s. _____

Paul writes;

*16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you
to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your in-
ner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through
faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may
have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the
breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know
the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may
be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Ephesians 3:16–19 (ESV)

What do we need to see God’s glory? _____

How does God's glory surpass all knowledge? _____

Jesus prayed the high priestly prayer before He went to the cross;

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:20–24 (ESV)

What is the glory that Jesus has given us and how can we best show God's glory to the world around us? _____

