



THE  
*Star*

A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

A Journey of JOY



*“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. ...’”*

*- Luke 2:9–10*



*“... I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger”*

- Luke 2:10–12



*“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests’”*

*- Luke 2:13–14*



# Our Journey of JOY ...



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*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything”*

- James 1:2–4



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**2. Joy and Connection**



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*“Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes”*

– Psalm 96:11–13



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3. Joy and Worship





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*“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.  
On coming to the house, they saw the child  
with his mother Mary, and they bowed down  
and worshiped him”*

– Matthew 2:10–11





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*“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls”*

- 1 Peter 1:8–9













# Mission of Thanks:

## *30 Days of Thankfulness*

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|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Nature     | 11. Veterans  | 21. Weekends     |
| 2. Food       | 12. Fun       | 22. Animals      |
| 3. Teachers   | 13. Senses    | 23. Family       |
| 4. Freedom    | 14. Passion   | 24. Books        |
| 5. Friendship | 15. Music     | 25. Faith        |
| 6. Anything   | 16. Blessings | 26. Today        |
| 7. Gifts      | 17. Trials    | 27. Thanksgiving |
| 8. Color      | 18. Humor     | 28. Tradition    |
| 9. Children   | 19. Community | 29. December     |
| 10. Memories  | 20. Health    | 30. YOU!         |



**#MissionOfThanks**

