# GOD'S DELIGHT AT CHRISTMAS



#### Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 22:17-20

<sup>17</sup> "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. <sup>18</sup> He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. <sup>19</sup> They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. <sup>20</sup> He brought me out into a spacious place; <u>he rescued me because he</u> <u>delighted in me</u>."

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Many grown-ups find it impossible to believe that God could delight in them.





| If you watch me in church on Sunday,<br>I'll show you my new shoes. |  |         |     |  |  |
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|                                                                     |  | new sho | es. |  |  |
| -Michae                                                             |  |         |     |  |  |
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| Dear God,                             |          |  |  |  |  |
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| I think about You sometimes even when |          |  |  |  |  |
| I'm not                               | praying. |  |  |  |  |
| -Billie                               |          |  |  |  |  |
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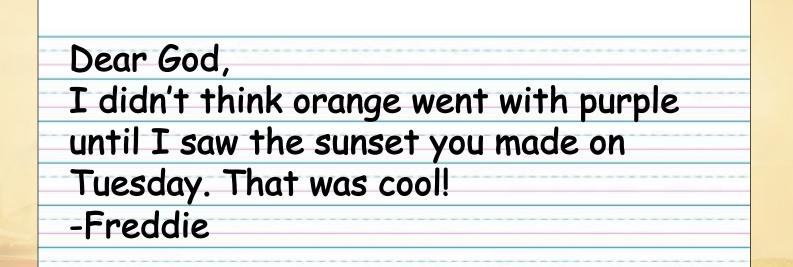
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| greatest | inventio | ons.        |         |  |
| -Ruthie  |          |             |         |  |
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| -Emr | na         |              |            |   |
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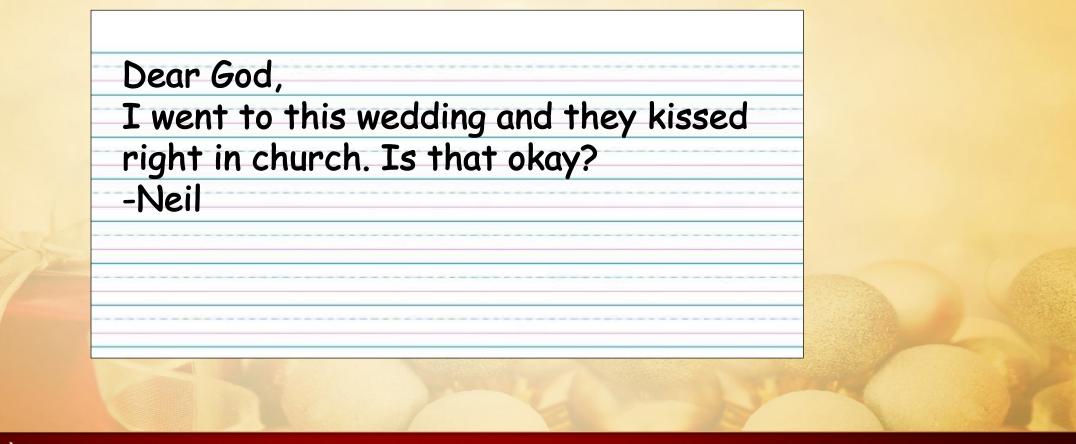
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|            |           | I'm bad or | r good? Or | • |
|------------|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| is that ju | ust Santa | Claus?     |            |   |
| -Caitlyn   |           |            |            |   |
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| Dear God,     |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Do you lister | n to my prayers every      |
| night? Do yo  | ou really know when I only |
| pretend to b  | orush my teeth? Don't tel  |
| Mommy, O.K    | .?                         |
| -Danny        |                            |

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|         | Bible. What does bega | <u>t</u> |
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|         | ody will tell me.     |          |
| -Alison |                       |          |
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Dear God, I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. -Susan

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Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. -Larry

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|         |        | i rat. you | should give | nim |
| a tail. | Ha ha! |            |             |     |
| -Bobb   |        |            |             |     |
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Like a good Father, God gives us what we need first, and then he gives us some of our wants.



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He comes in majesty to capture our attention. (8-9)



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He gives us a messiah that removes our sin. (11-12)



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He allows us to experience heavenly **peace.** (14b)



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He wants us to chew on it for ourselves. (19-20)



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#### "He stoops down to make me great." (2 Samuel 22:36)



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God's delight at Christmas is you!



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