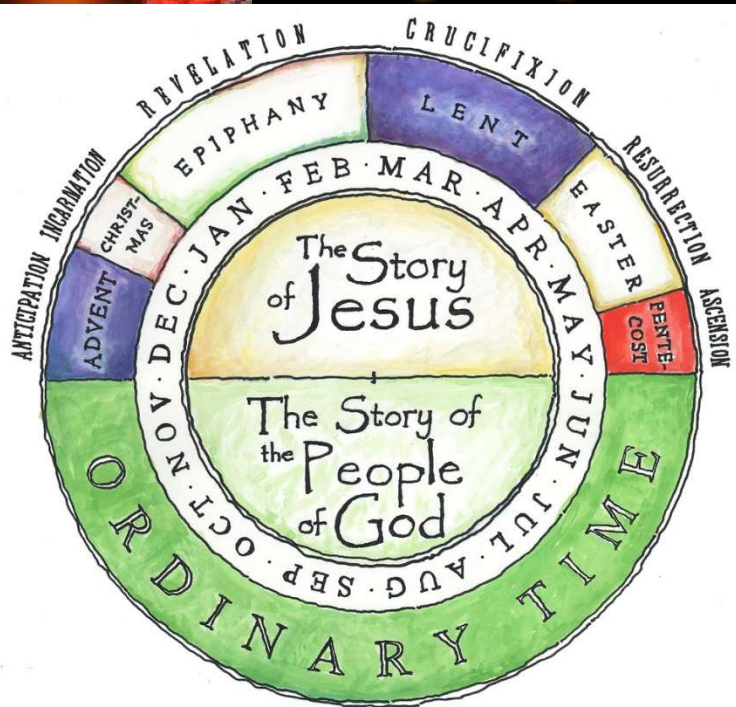
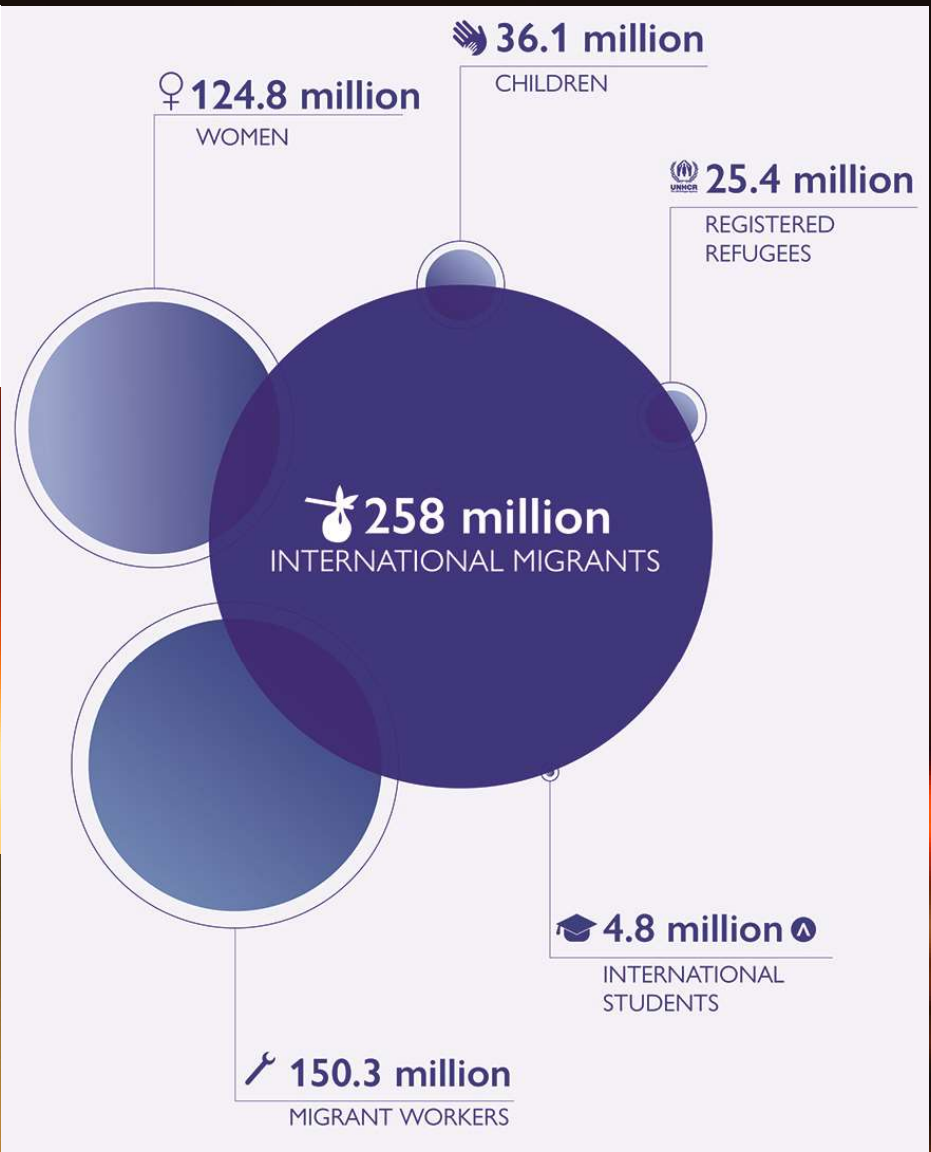


Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace







1. MIGRANT POPULATION (STOCKS)

258 million
INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS
were counted globally in 2017 – people residing in a country other than their country of birth. This represented 3.4% of the world's total population.

2. MIGRANT FLOWS

5 million
FOREIGN-BORN PERSONS
entered OECD countries in 2016.

3. LABOUR MIGRANTS

150.3 million
MIGRANT WORKERS
were counted globally in 2015.

4. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

4.8 million
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
were counted in 2016, up from 2 million in 2000.

5. REMITTANCES

\$466 billion
OF REMITTANCES
were sent to low- and middle-income countries in 2017. This is more than three times the size of official development assistance.

6. DISPLACEMENT

68.5 million
INDIVIDUALS
were forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, generalized violence, human rights violations, or other reasons by the end of 2017.

7. IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

50 million
IRREGULAR MIGRANTS
were estimated to be living around the world in 2009.

8. REFUGEES

25.4 million
REGISTERED REFUGEES
were counted in 2017.

9. RESETTLEMENT

102,800
REFUGEES
were admitted for resettlement worldwide in 2017.


10. MISSING MIGRANTS

6,163
MIGRANTS
lost their lives or went missing during migration in 2017, at a minimum.





11. TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY



25 million
VICTIMS OF FORCED LABOUR
 were estimated in 2016. Out of those, 5 million may have crossed an international border.

12. MIGRANT SMUGGLING



2.5 million
IRREGULAR MIGRANTS
 were smuggled for an economic return of USD 5.5-7 billion in 2016.

13. RETURNS



72,176
VOLUNTARY RETURNS
 were assisted by IOM in 2017 worldwide.

14. INTEGRATION AND WELL-BEING



\$ 6.7 trillion
CONTRIBUTION
 Migrants contributed 6.7 trillion US dollars to global GDP in 2015 – a share of 9.4% of the total global GDP that year.

15. CHILDREN




14 %
CHILDREN
 In 2017, children represented 14 per cent of the stock of international migrants.

15.a WOMEN



48.8 %
WOMEN
 In 2017, women represented 48.8 per cent of the stock of international migrants.

16. ENVIRONMENT



18.8 million
PEOPLE
 in 135 countries were newly displaced by sudden-onset disasters within their own countries in 2017.

17. GOVERNANCE




39
COUNTRIES
 have taken part in IOM's Migration Governance Indicators project as of 2018.

18. POTENTIAL MIGRATION



66 million
ADULTS
 or 1.3% of the world's adult population, had plans to move permanently to another country in the next 12 months in 2015.

19. PUBLIC OPINION



22%
OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION
 is generally more likely to want national immigration to be kept at its present level (22%) or increased (21%), rather than decreased (34%) in 2015.

20. MIGRATION DATA CAPACITY



87% +
COUNTRIES
 asked about country of birth, 75% asked for citizenship and 50% for the year or period of arrival, in their 2010 censuses.



*These figures are based on 2017 data where available. Where this was not possible, the latest available data was taken.



“Care for God’s Creation”

Journey Home for Christmas

1. Where hope is generated.
2. Where a way of Lord is prepared.
3. Where joy is overflown.
4. Where peace is made.
5. O Holy Night at the House of the Living Bread
5. Where God dwells
6. Where people reconeite one another



PEACE ON EARTH
JOY TO THE WORLD

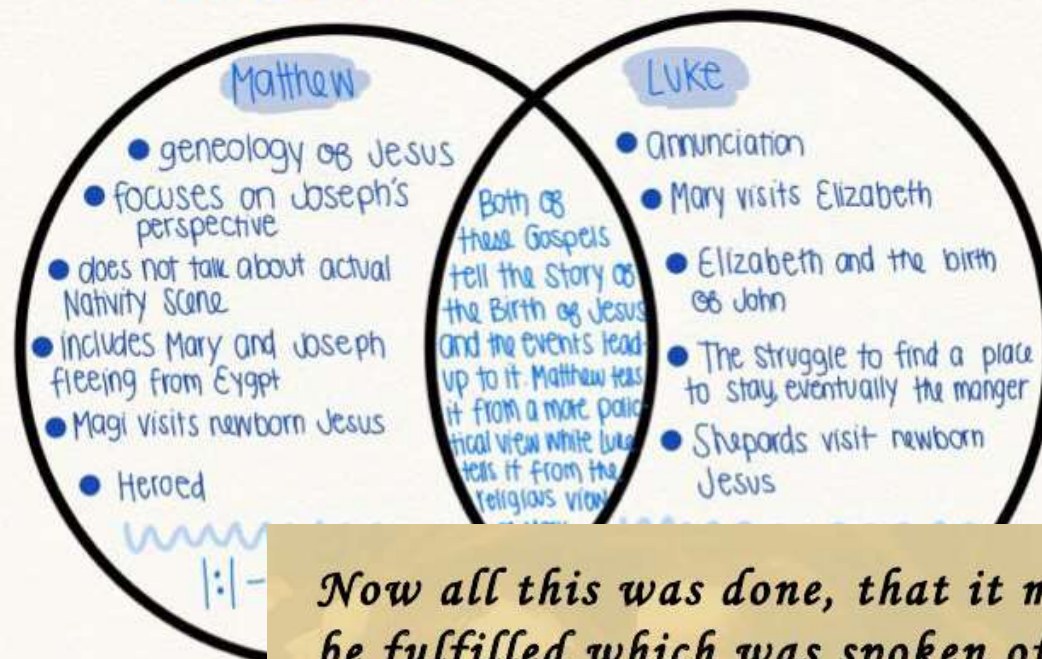
THEREFORE THE LORD
HIMSELF WILL GIVE
YOU A SIGN.
BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE
AND BEAR A
SON, AND SHALL
CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.
- ISAIAH 7:14

Matthew 1:18-25

The Miracle of Christmas at Home

Matthew

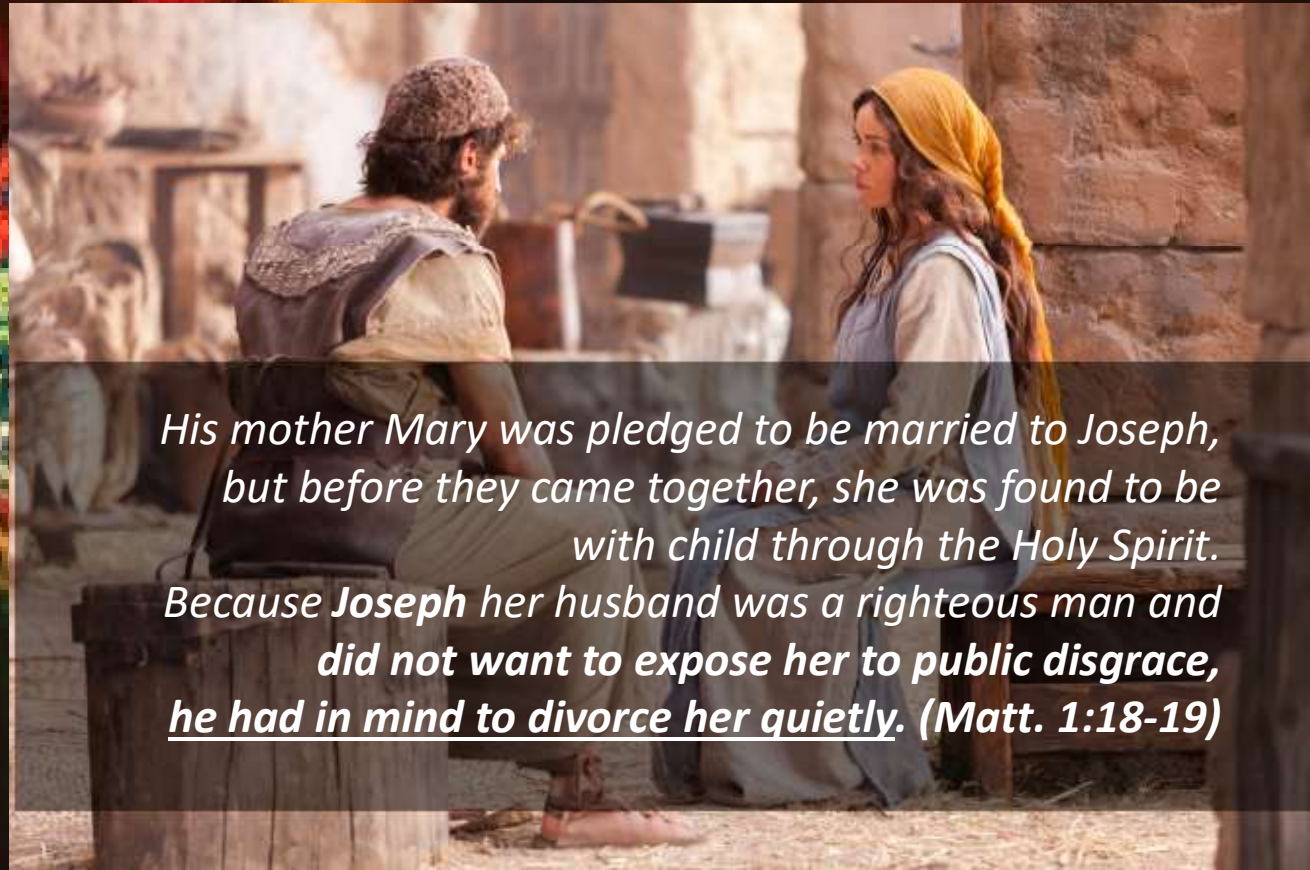
The Birth of Jesus



Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph in Troubles Waits...



His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (Matt. 1:18-19)

Matthew 1:18-25

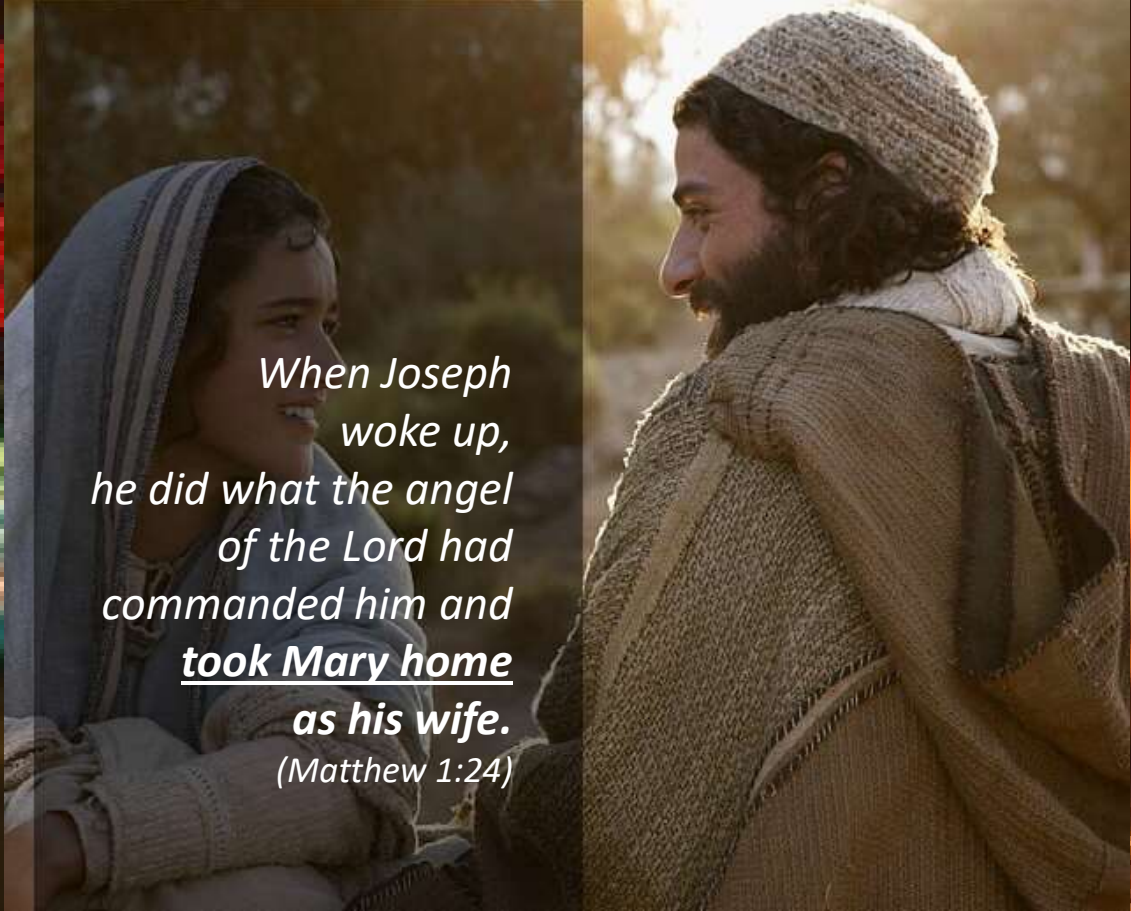
An Answer in a Dream!

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:20)



"Joseph, Son of David," do not be afraid...

Matthew 1:18-25
Joseph Takes Mary Home



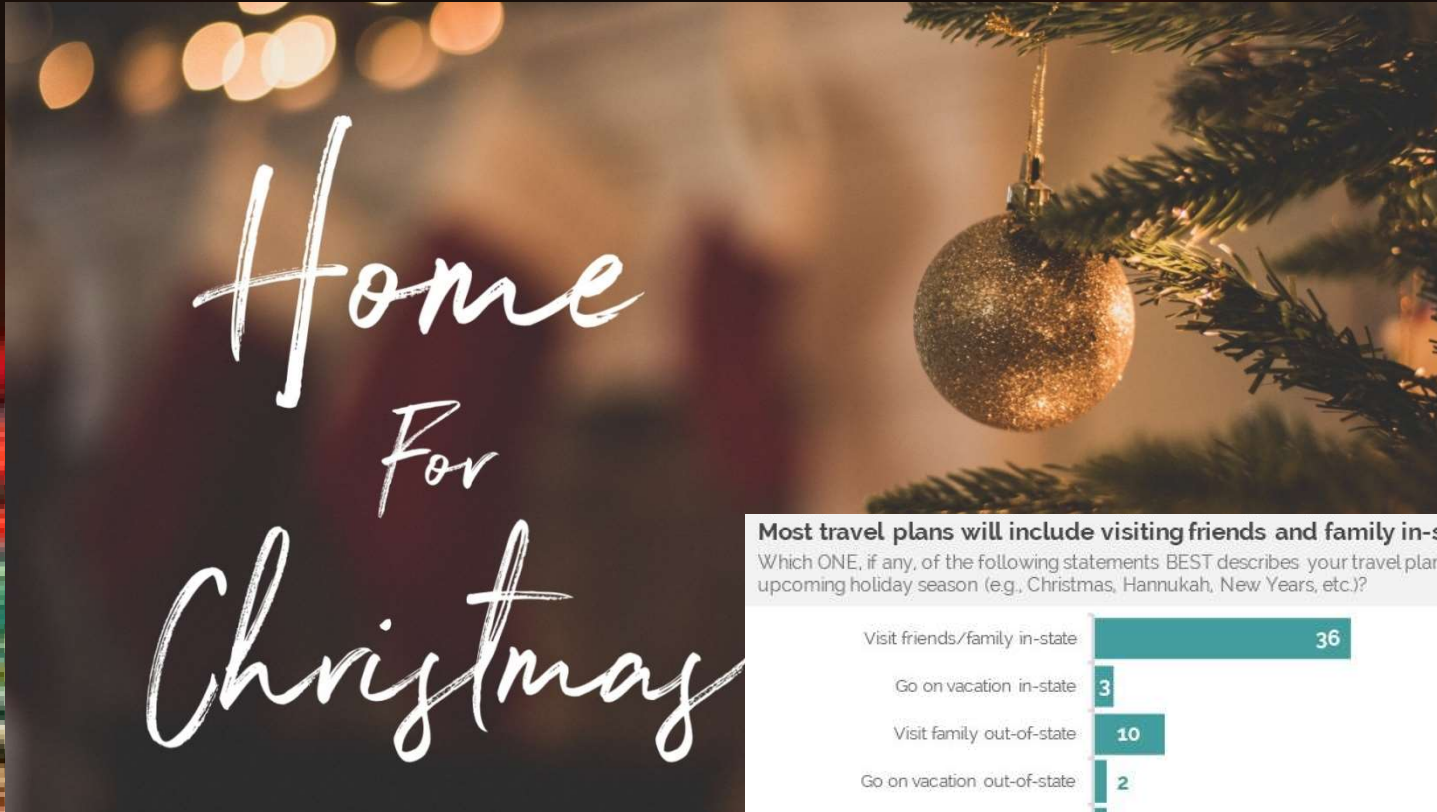
*When Joseph
woke up,
he did what the angel
of the Lord had
commanded him and
took Mary home
as his wife.
(Matthew 1:24)*

1. Come home for this Christmas.

A warm, inviting scene featuring a fire burning brightly in a fireplace. In the foreground, a pair of feet wearing colorful, patterned socks is visible. Next to them is a red mug with a white rim and a red knit sleeve. The background is softly blurred, focusing attention on the foreground elements.

Journey Home for Christmas
Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

1. Come home for this Christmas.



Most travel plans will include visiting friends and family in-state

Which ONE, if any, of the following statements BEST describes your travel plans for the upcoming holiday season (e.g., Christmas, Hannukah, New Years, etc.)?



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Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

2. Trusting what God was doing, Joseph took Mary home.

A warm, cozy winter scene. In the foreground, a pair of feet wearing colorful, patterned socks (red, blue, green, and white) is visible. To the right, a red mug with a white handle and a red knit sleeve sits on a wooden surface. In the background, a bright, glowing fire burns in a fireplace, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

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The Waiting **Game**

While Waiting, We Can...

- Renew our minds in God's Word. (Psalm 130:5-7)
- Rehearse God's goodness and faithfulness in our lives. (Psalm 42:11)
- Recite God's Word (Psalm 4:4, Lamentations 3:21-24)
- Rejoice as we praise God in song and dance (Psalm 37:7; 30:12)
- Rest in God's presence. (Isaiah 40:30-31, Psalm 145:15; 62:5, 37:34)
- Remain in confidence knowing Your God is acting! (Psalm 18:33)

Susan Cady, Warren Baptist Church, Augusta, GA

Like Joseph waited for Spiritual Discernment...

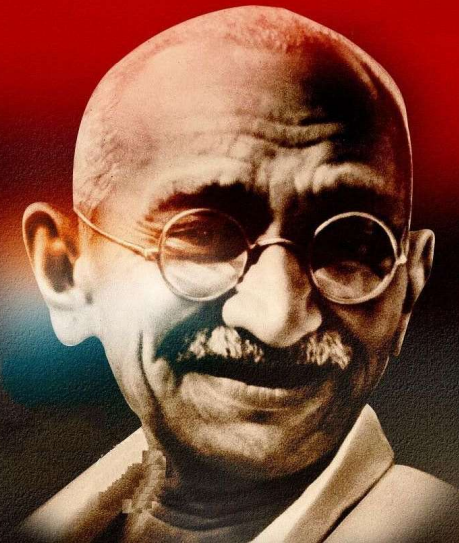
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ANSWER
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सबसे अधिक सहायक है



Journey Home for Christmas
Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

2. Trusting what God was doing, Joseph took Mary home.

Understanding is deeper than knowledge. There are many people who know you, but very few understand you.

Understanding Others

Journey Home for Christmas

Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

2. Trusting what God was doing, Joseph took Mary home.

The true mark of maturity is when somebody hurts you and you try to understand their situation instead of trying to hurt them back.

Journey Home for Christmas
Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

3. Let God dwell in your family home.

A warm, cozy winter scene. In the foreground, a pair of feet wearing colorful, patterned socks (red, blue, green, and white) is visible. To the right, a red knitted mug sits on a wooden surface. In the background, a bright fire burns in a fireplace, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The overall mood is comforting and inviting.

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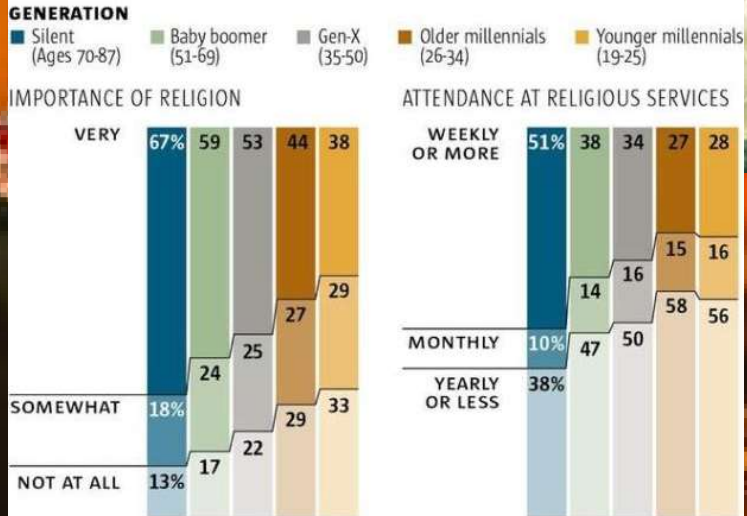
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Generational decline

The percentages of individuals who view religion as very important and who attend religious services:



Note: Results reflect the percentage of each generation's response rate, older and younger millennials were polled separately. Figures do not equal 100 percent because of rounding.
Source: Pew Research Center The Denver Post



Journey Home for Christmas
Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

4. *Friend, begin a journey home where hope is generated!*

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Journey Home for Christmas
Part 1. Where Hope Is Generated

4. *Friend, begin a journey home where hope is generated!*



Jesus
AMONG THE PEOPLE



Advent

Time of our
Spiritual
Awakening

Journey Home for Christmas
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4. *Friend, begin a journey home where hope is generated!*



GOD
WITH
US

Journey Home for Christmas
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