

# The Nights Before Christmas

## Promise Made, Promise Kept

### Getting Started

Are you a Christmas freak? Rate yourself (1-Bah humbug, 10-I love it!)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas shopping  | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas specials on T.V. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating the tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating the house       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas music     | <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Nog                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas parties   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit cake                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hanging lights      | <input type="checkbox"/> Assembling toys            |

Total

(1-30= Scrooge, 30-50 =Grinch, 50-60= Jack Frost, 60-70= Elf third class, 70-80= Santa's little helper, 80-90=Clark Griswald, 90-100= Buddy the Elf)

Have you ever experienced a dark Christmas?

### Going Deeper

On Sunday, Jack talked about how God's prophecies about Jesus show us that God does indeed have a plan for our planet. Take a moment to look at some of the prophecies made about Jesus 700 years before He was born in the book of Isaiah.

#### Verse

- Isaiah 7:14
- Isaiah 53:1-3
- Isaiah 53:6,7
- Isaiah 53:8
- Isaiah 51:12
- Isaiah 50:6

#### What does it reveal about Jesus

What do God's prophecies about Jesus tell us about God's plan for our lives?

God's prophecies show us that God keeps his promises. Do you have a favorite promise in the bible? (Here are some to refresh your memory. Matthew 11:30, Romans 15:13, Matthew 11:27, Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 3:25,26, Proverbs 3:5,6)

Have you had a moment in your life when you questioned whether or not God would fulfill his promises?

What do the following verses say about God fulfilling his promises. (Psalm 119:140,141, Psalm 145:13)

*"A Christian with a defective memory has to start every thing from scratch and spends far too much of his or her time backtracking, repairing, starting over."* Eugene Peterson. How true is this statement in your life?

How good are you at remembering the times when God has been true to his promises?

What are some great things that God has done in your life that you tend to forget. Make a brief list.