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## Mary Did You Know?

I love that song, "Mary Did you Know." They are important words for parents today. As you put your name in the blank, you're saying, \_\_\_ did you know that your child will or would...? No we didn't, but we look for great things to come forth from our unborn child or child that's already

here. The same goes for God. He looks for great things to come forth from us, His children. The most important thing He looks for is that we will accept His Son Jesus and be born-again; not into your mother's womb a second time, but of water and of the Spirit. Wow!

We can say Mary didn't know what Jesus would

have to go through, and we certainly don't know what ours will do, only God does!

Through the birth of this One child—Jesus, He came to make things new; He walked on water; saved our sons and daughters and delivered His mother Mary! He gave sight to the blind, the deaf heard, the dumb spoke, men gave praises to Him! He calmed the storm with His hand, walked

where angels trod; He's Lord of all Creation; heaven's Perfect Lamb; and one day rule the nations! No, that would have been too much for Mary to take in all at once.

We are so glad Jesus took away the sins of the world for us, and for our unborn children to come; and that they will have a chance to accept what Jesus has done for them and be forgiven — Jesus paved the way for a better life to come. Hallelujah!

God Bless!

## Verifying Jesus!

**Luke 2:21** "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

Like so many mothers, their friends and relatives come up with naming the newborn baby, well, the Jewish families went through several ceremonies in Jesus' time to obey the Law as they officially named their child. **Luke 2:21** allows

us to view the obedience of Mary and Joseph. After eight days of Mary giving birth, she fulfilled the biblical requirements of having Jesus circumcised (Jewish males), as required by law. This was the sign and seal of the covenant God made with Abraham and it symbolized the Jews belonged to God as His covenant people; separating them from the Gentiles.

This same verse also lets us know who named the

child. The angel was only the messenger to Mary. He comes from the presence of God who is the Father; The Father has given Jesus a name above any name. There may be many children named 'Jesus' but there are none like this one! The angel had come to Mary before she had even conceived the child in her womb. Has anyone had premonitions of someone's pregnancy before they were with child? Well, God

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# TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — JESUS BIRTH

*By Rock Griffis*

It was the night before  
Christmas and all thru  
the land  
People were traveling to  
their home land.

The Inns were full of trav-  
elers you know  
And a young couple was  
searching for someplace  
to go.

She was heavy with child  
and found permission to  
rest in a small stable, not  
considered the best.

It had a manger and  
hay, not much more,  
Just a few animals and a  
dirt floor.

In the same country  
abiding in the field  
Shepherds were tending  
their sheep as they will.

The stars up above were  
shining up high,  
One in particular was  
lighting the sky.

All of a sudden there ap-  
peared in the sky  
An angel of God with a  
message from high.

The angel announced  
don't be afraid I bring

you good tidings  
For all people today.

A Saviour is born to  
you this day  
Which is Christ the  
Lord, he had to say.

In the city of David  
wrapped in old clothes  
lying in manger is the  
sign you should know.

And all of a sudden  
there was singing in the  
air  
a multitude of angels  
singing with care.

Glory to God in the  
highest and on earth  
peace, good will to-  
ward men.

And when they were  
gone, the shepherds  
agreed  
that they would travel  
to Bethlehem immedi-  
ately.

When they arrived they  
found the sign.  
Mary, Joseph and the  
babe.

He was lying in the  
manger, just as the an-  
gel proclaimed.

They told the parents

that they  
were told  
of this Holy  
child that she now  
holds.

Mary was thinking of  
the things that they said  
then they returned and  
bowed their heads

They praised and prayed  
and glorified him and  
for all the things the  
angel had said

Eight days later when it  
was time  
The small child JESUS  
was named.

Remember the star that  
lighted the sky  
that special night, the an-  
gels came by .

From even that time,  
from really afar,  
there had been three  
kings following that star.

It had taken much time  
to follow the star but  
they  
rejoiced with great joy  
when they saw what  
they saw.

A mother named Mary  
with a child that they  
saw

they fell to the  
floor and wor-  
shipped with  
awe.

They brought  
him gifts of

Myrrh, frankincense  
and gold  
very pricey items I am  
told.

Over two thousand  
years have passed  
since then  
When Jesus was a  
child born not of sin.

He came and he lived  
and died for us  
God almighty really  
loves us.

He will be back very  
soon indeed  
To gather his bride for  
a wedding feast.

Christmas will continue  
forever indeed  
So give your gifts in His  
memory.

Merry Christmas to all  
and to all a good night  
may you're life be  
filled with His joy and  
His light.



# TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — JESUS CAME

*written by Unknown Author*

'Twas the night before  
Jesus came and all  
through the house  
Not a creature was pray-  
ing, not one in the house.

Their Bibles were lain on  
the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus  
would not come there.

The children were dress-  
ing to crawl into bed.  
Not once ever kneeling  
or bowing a head.

And Mom in her rocker  
with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late  
Show while I took a nap.  
When out of the East  
there arose such a clatter.

I sprang to my feet to  
see what was the mat-  
ter.

Away to the window I  
flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters  
and threw up the sash!

When what to my won-  
dering eyes should ap-  
pear

But angels proclaiming  
that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun  
sending forth a bright  
ray

I knew in a moment  
this must be THE DAY!  
The light of His face  
made me cover my head

It was Jesus! returning

just like He had said.

And though I possessed  
worldly wisdom and  
wealth, I cried when I  
saw Him in spite of my-  
self.

In the Book of Life which  
He held in His hand  
Was written the name  
of every saved man.

He spoke not a word  
as He searched for my  
name;  
When He said "it's not  
here" my head hung in  
shame.

The people whose  
names had been writ-  
ten with love  
He gathered to take to  
His Father above.

With those who were  
ready He rose with-  
out a sound.

While all the rest were  
left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but  
it was too late;  
I had waited too long  
and thus sealed my  
fate.

I stood and I cried as  
they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only I had  
been ready tonight.

In the words of this  
poem the meaning is  
clear;

The coming of Jesus  
is drawing near.

There's only one life  
and when comes the  
last call

We'll find that the Bi-  
ble was true after all!

## Con't **Verifying Jesus**

is the only One who knows it all and can reveal it by His Spirit. He knows us before and while we are in our mother's womb! Mary's Son is named JESUS before He was in the womb! This is verified in **Luke 1:31**—"**Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.**" JESUS means "**Jehovah is Salvation!**" Therefore, to verify what the angel had told Mary, Jesus went through the ceremony of circumcision on the eighth day and then was officially given His name.

The next ceremony was for

Mary: the 40 days purifica-  
tion (birth of a son); or the  
80 days purification (if a  
daughter) to be declared  
clean (Lev.12) before she  
could even enter into the  
Temple to offer her offering  
to God.

This makes it possible for  
Mary to bring Jesus into the  
Temple to present Him to  
the Lord. This last ceremony  
would be redemption of the  
firstborn, where the parents  
acknowledge that the child  
belonged to God. The first-  
born son was presented to  
God one month after birth.  
This ceremony depicted

buying back (re-deeming)  
the child from God through  
the offering they brought.

Thus, upon entering the  
Temple, Mary and Joseph  
met a man name Simeon.  
It's all in God's plan and  
timing that after the birth  
of Jesus, Simeon would be  
in the right place at the  
right time to see the long  
awaited Messiah, whom  
the Holy Spirit had revealed  
to him a while back, that  
he would see before he  
died. He took Jesus in his  
arms praising God for God  
had kept His promise.  
Simeon then says that he  
could now die content for

he had seen the Promised  
Savior. He verified Jesus—  
The coming Savior of the  
world!

Also in their company to  
verify the long awaited Sav-  
ior was Anna, a prophetess  
who also began thanking  
God and telling everyone  
around about the long  
awaited Messiah. There  
was no doubting as to who  
Jesus was, even as a baby,  
so why are there so many  
who doubt Him now? God  
knew the plight of His first-  
born Son; His only begot-  
ten Son! And He had those  
to welcome His Son into  
this world. **God Bless!**

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## SICK MAN MAKES COMPLETE TURNAROUND AFTER REUNION WITH PET DOG

James Wathen, a 73-year-old man from Kentucky, was hospitalized more than a month ago at Baptist Health Corbin. He stopped eating and his condition worsened. He told a care worker that he missed his one-eyed Chihuahua named Bubba, who was turned over to the Knox-Whitley Animal Shelter when James was hospitalized.

James was lonely and heartbroken, so the nurses at the hospital arranged for Bubba to visit even if it was **against hospital rules**, Today reports. To their surprise, Bubba has also fallen ill.

Mary-Ann Smythe, president of the animal shelter, said that Bubba stopped eating.

"The dog didn't know where James was and James didn't know where the dog was and believe it or not, they both stopped eating at about the same time."

According to The Huffington Post, Bubba was brought to his owner, and the two were **reunited at last**. Smyth said that as soon as they were 20 steps away from James, Bubba's eyes brightened and his head went up. She said that the same happened to James during his 30-minute reunion with his pet.

"They didn't think James

was going to make it. I was 10 feet from his bed and you could barely un-



derstand him because he was so hard to hear. The

nurse had to lean up right against his face to hear what he was saying."

Bubba visited James again on Tuesday. James made a complete turnaround and started eating and speaking. Medical staff said that he didn't look like the same guy that they cared for before his reunion with Bubba. Smyth said that Bubba started eating as well.

James and Bubba's story just goes to show that pets can provide a healing power to their owners. In another Inquisitr article, a 76-year-old woman from Florida was **kept alive** by her two dogs, Higgins and Dodger. Judy fell in her kitchen, and wasn't found until two days later. Her two dogs stayed by her side and kept her warm throughout her ordeal.

Smythe hopes that James' relationship with Bubba will encourage others to adopt pets from shelters, and realize that pets are not property.

<http://www.inquisitr.com/1547259/sick-man-makes-complete-turnaround-after-reunion-with-pet-dog-video/#yt-FW-IMI7TTRU>

## 7 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR MIND SHARP

Beat Brain Fog as You Age—We all have those moments when we forget where we put our glasses, blank on a friend's name, or discover at the supermarket that we've left the shopping list at home. Such occasional lapses are common, especially once we hit our forties. And while it may be alarming to have a "**senior moment**" now and then, the good news is that we are not destined to increased memory gaps as we age. Research shows that by keeping your brain healthy with the right diet, and exercising it to keep cognitive function strong, you can boost memory and brainpower.

1. **Have fish once a week**—People who eat fish once a week have a 60% lower risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. The reason is DHA, a type of omega-3 fatty acid found in large quantities in the brain and in cold water species of fish, such as salmon, tuna, and cod.
2. **Take a daily brain break**—In fact, the brain "prefers" novelty and unexpected events. When we mentally challenge ourselves on a regular basis, we can maintain good intellectual potential as well as reduce our risk for age-related memory loss. Challenge yourself with our brain games.
3. **Keep family meetings**—When you interact with

other people, it's likely that structures in the frontal lobe that are responsible for 'executive functions'—like planning, decision making, and response control—get fired up. Regular socializing also keeps your brain sharp by reducing cortisol, the destructive stress hormone.

4. **Maximize your workouts**—Cardiovascular activity pumps more oxygen-rich blood to the brain, which is like giving a car a shot of gasoline. With that, blood comes nutrients such as glucose, which fuels every cell in the brain. Daily workouts also have long-term benefits. Cardio exercise strengthens blood vessels and helps prevent illnesses that impair cognitive function, like stroke.
5. **Keep your happy thoughts**—Think about a time in your life when you were utterly happy. Rehearse the scene as though you were reliving it, complete with the dialogue, sights, smells, and feelings. "The memory itself will spark brain changes that can help turn your mood—and your long term health.
6. **Don't sweat what you forget**—A fit brain will efficiently screen out and discard worthless or meaningless data so it can remember what's important.
7. **Take a nap**—Go ahead, doze off during your lunch break: Napping for as little as 6 minutes can improve your memory.

<http://www.prevention.com/health/brain-games/10-ways-keep-your-mind-sharp>

**POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY**

**For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.**

**MY MISSION:** Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

**MY VISION:** Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

**IT CAN HAPPEN**

**How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b**

**MY MISSION:** Use this God-given gift for His glory!

**MY VISION:** Teach others to reach for those God given gifts in them!

**Quote**

**On The Web—[pitwm.net](http://pitwm.net)**



"I know why I am here and my only real focused goal is to live each day to the fullest and to try and honor God and be an encouragement to others." Ken Hensley

**SCRIPTURE**

**"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."**

**MATTHEW 2:21**

**JESUS' PARABLES BIBLE QUIZ**

- Why did Christ use parables when teaching? (Matthew 13:13-16)
  - To make His teachings less boring
  - To confuse the people that did not believe Him
  - To make it easier for the uneducated to understand His teachings
  - To hide the meaning of His teachings from those who wouldn't understand
- What is a parable?
  - A fictitious story with a moral value
  - A song of worship
  - A believable story used provide a comparison to an abstract concept
  - A story that illustrates a point by providing a contrast to reality
- In the parable of the good Samaritan, what was Christ trying to teach? (Luke 10:30-37)
  - That the priests and the Levites had become corrupted
  - That each of us is responsible for our actions
  - That the Samaritans were not all evil
  - That everyone is our neighbor
- In the parable of the good Samaritan, what was the significance of the one who helped being a Samaritan? (John 4:9)
  - The Samaritans were well known as a group of thieves and robbers
  - The Samaritans were a class above even the priests
  - The Jews hated the Samaritans, and would have no business with them
  - The Romans had carried away the Samaritans, and no one believed they would ever return
- In the parable of the Sower, what did the seeds that fell on the way side represent? (Matthew 13:3-9,18-23)
  - Those that do not understand the word of God
  - Those that heard the word, and followed it
  - Those that did not have the chance to hear the word
  - Those who heard the word and followed it, but shortly afterward fell away



O God, thank you for Jesus' coming; for His entering into this earth realm; for His life making a difference in our lives. I'm so glad You us opportunity after opportunity to get it straight with You and with others. Open our ears to know that it is always right to forgive no matter what the circumstances, for You said venge-

ance is Yours and You will repay! Your approach came to give us another opportunity to love, to care, follow Your Word, and reverence You. I'm amazed at what You have done in so many lives; You knew how to get us released from this awful I sin! You have kept so many promises, and used us to participate in other peoples' lives. Your plan is what works. Thank You for forgiving us and ordering our steps. May we continue to hear the sound of your coming and be ready! **Amen.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER 2014**

Winter Begins  
Dec. 21st

Christmas Day  
Dec. 25th

New Year's Eve  
Dec. 31st

- In the parable of the sower, what did the seeds that fell in the stony places represent? (Matthew 13:3-9,18-23)
  - Those that did not have the chance to hear the word
  - Those that heard the word, but were caught up by the riches of the world
  - Those who would be trampled down by the difficulties in life
  - Those who heard the word and followed it, but shortly afterward fell away
- In the parable of the sower, what did the seeds that fell in thorny places represent? (Matthew 13:3-9,18-23)
  - Those whose lives were too busy to hear the word
  - Those who did not want to hear the word
  - Those that heard the word, but were caught up by the riches of the world
  - Those who would be trampled down by the difficulties in life
- In the parable of the sower, what did the seeds that fell into good ground represent? (Matthew 13:3-9,18-23)
  - Those that heard the word, and followed it
  - Those that did not receive the word
  - Those who were distracted by the riches of the world
  - Those who heard the word and followed it, but shortly afterward fell away
- In the parable of the ten virgins, what was Jesus trying to teach? (Matthew 25:1-13)
  - That no one can be ready for when He comes
  - That sharing is not correct
  - That God does not know us
  - That all must be ready for when He comes
- In the parable of the ten virgins, what did the unprepared virgins not bring? (Matthew 25:1-13)
  - A present for the bridegroom
  - Identification
  - Lamps
  - Oil for the lamps