

## Sermon Series: The God-Man

### Sermon Title: Who is Your Daddy?

Sermon Text: **Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:1-20**

In December, besides worshipping Jesus & celebrating His birth, in a variety of different ways... **December is a time for watching Christmas movies!**

What are some of your favorite Christmas movies? \_\_\_\_\_

**What about the “not so” Christmas classic, Jingle All the Way?**

This movie is about 2 awesome dads, doing whatever it takes to get their kid what they wanted most for Christmas – the Turbo-man action figure!

I wonder what us dad’s would be willing to do to get our kid(s) that perfect gift this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Let’s talk some more about dads this morning! Who is/was that person who fills that role in your life? **Who is your dad? How would you describe him?**

This reminds me of another movie, with the same actor, & that memorable scene when he asks, “*Who is your daddy, and what does he do?*” **Video**

**I wonder how Jesus would have answered this question if he was asked this when he was about the same age?**

Would he have said, “My dad is Joseph & he is a carpenter!” Or “he takes us on road trips!” Or “he protects me from mean people!” I wonder???

What sets Joseph apart as Jesus’ dad is that he was not trying to get that special gift for his son, **he was trying to preserve the gift that is his son to the world**, so that the whole world might receive it/Him one day!

What we know to be true about Joseph is that:

- He trusted God & put his reputation on the line by not divorcing Mary!
- He trusted God & made the long & hard journey to Bethlehem!
- He trusted God and moved his family to Egypt, then back to Nazareth.
- He trusted God and was obedient to all that God asked of him!

**Now that is giving a good gift to your children - setting a Godly example!**

Joseph is too often a forgotten and unsung hero of the Christmas story!  
**But Joseph knew the story wasn’t about him, it was always about Jesus!**

But sometimes we forget about this part of Jesus’ humanity, that He had a childhood filled with all the human experiences we have. He had real human parents & they had a real human son!

Jesus didn’t just arrive on the scene as an adult Savior and Lord, **He came into this world as a helpless and dependent child, in need of human parents!** And Mary and Joseph filled that role of mom and dad very well!

But Jesus could have answered Arnold’s question in a very different way as well, in a way that was completely unique to Him! He could have said - **“My dad is the God of the universe, the One who creates & sustains all things!”**

Jesus, the God-man, had both a human father and a heavenly Father! And though we all can say that, there is a uniqueness to Jesus’ identity! He was:

- Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary!
- Begotten, not made!
- Fully human, yet also fully divine!

How much of this did Jesus know at a young age? No one knows... **But can you imagine “show and tell” with Jesus at his school?**

There is a uniqueness to Jesus as the God-Man, and that’s what makes Him the greatest gift to mankind! What He can offer us in Himself is what is needed in our lives from both a human perspective and a heavenly one!

**We spend a lot of time, energy, and money to get our children that perfect Christmas gift, when the perfect gift has already been given – we simply need to guide our children, and ourselves, to it/Him!**

**Isaiah 9:6 - “*For to us a child is born, to us a son (of God & Joseph) is given...*”**

- Born in time, but always existent!
- Born in space, in Bethlehem, but ever-present!
- Born to human parents Mary and Joseph, but the divine Son of God!
- Born with the humblest of origin stories, yet declared by heavenly host!

At the end of the movie “Jingle All the Way”, the child doesn’t get the toy, he gets something far better - **His dad becomes the gift!** The same is true in real life – Our God becomes the greatest gift to us by putting on flesh (Jesus)

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