## f Like **1 Youth Ministry** Grades 7-12 **Contact Us** Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 12/14/14 14647 S. 50th Hello Chris Street, Suite 16 Phoenix, Arizona This week, we talked about the meaning of Christmas. We 85044 480-584-6116 discussed various Christmas traditions and gifts we've received. Links Email We then read about the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:1-20 and Website asked if somebody who didn't know anything about **Facebook** Christmas would be able to tell what Christmas was about by Instagram looking at our celebrations. **Previous Lessons** We discussed the true meaning of Christmas and found it in **Bible Verse** John 3:16 in where God loved us so much that he gave us his son, Jesus, to save us from ourselves and we did Luke 6:35-36 absolutely nothing to deserve it. Christmas is about God's amazing love for us and His giving us the most amazing gift 35 But love your ever in His son Jesus Christ. enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without We thought about if somebody were to observe us expecting to get celebrating Christmas, would they know the true meaning of anything back. Then Christmas from watching us. We talked about ways we could your reward will be show others the meaning of Christmas such as sharing God's great, and you will love and telling everyone about God's amazing gift. be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the We said that it doesn't mean that we shouldn't be celebrating ungrateful and with presents, trees, lights, santa, etc. but we should not let wicked. 36 Be all these other things distract us from the true meaning of merciful, just as Christmas or from sharing God's message of Love. your Father is merciful. We also talked about how December 25th is likely NOT the actual day that Jesus was born but it IS the day that we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We said that Christmas is not celebrating a day but is celebrating an event. It is a day for celebrating and sharing God's amazing love for us in the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. **Foster Care Gifts** Just wanted to let Next week we'll talk about how kindness is more than just an you know that we act. collected enough



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