

Listen carefully to the Bible reading from 1 John chapter 2 verses 28 to 3 verse 10

What do you think the people below might like for Christmas?

The Queen: \_\_\_\_\_

The grown up who looks after you: \_\_\_\_\_

An astronaut in space: \_\_\_\_\_

We are going to think about what God wants for Christmas, and why God planned for Christmas in the first place.

So let's see what the Bible says about why Jesus came.

This week we'll think about 1 John chapter 3 verse 8:

"...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

Look at the whole of 1 John chapter 3 verse 8 in your Bible. What does it say the devil has been doing since the beginning?

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He is God's enemy and he wants to keep people away from God. He wants to keep people in sin.

BUT - Jesus has come to destroy the works of the devil!

So how does he do this?

We'll see **three ways** Jesus does this.

If we are a Christian today, these are three things we can say:

1

"Jesus has made me God's child"

Find 1 John chapter 3 verse 1 in your Bible and complete the verse:

"See what kind of \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has given to us,  
that we should be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God;  
and so we are."

Read the words in the three boxes below.

1. **Circle** the way you **usually** think about Jesus at Christmas.
2. Put a **tick** beside each one that is **correct** about Jesus.

A cute baby in a manger	A dying man on a cross	A mighty warrior destroying the work of his enemy
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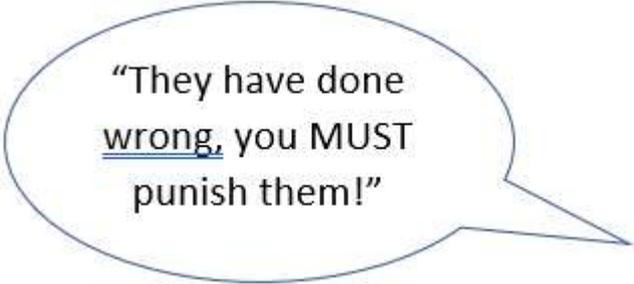
The devil works to keep people away from God. Jesus destroys his work when he makes us God's children!

2

"Jesus has forgiven my sins"

The devil also works to accuse us.

This means he points at us and says to God:



"They have done wrong, you **MUST** punish them!"

So how else does Jesus destroy the work of the devil?  
Read 1 John 3v5 and try and answer in your own words.

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If we are God's children,

Jesus took away our sin when he died for us!

Jesus was punished instead of us!

We are **forgiven!**

So the devil cannot \_\_\_\_\_ us any more!  
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3

"Jesus is changing me to become like Him"

Children grow to be like their parents. It's true! So...

...Jesus works in his children

to make them more like \_\_\_\_\_

Have a think about that for a moment. So how can you tell if someone is a Christian?

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Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the  for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

God's children never do anything wrong

God's children love him and want to obey him

God's children sometimes do things wrong but they grow to be more like Jesus

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

Jesus	children	forever	defeated
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One day Jesus' work in his \_\_\_\_\_ will be completed.

The devil will be finally \_\_\_\_\_. God's children will

be like \_\_\_\_\_ and will be with God \_\_\_\_\_ in his

new creation!

**Pray** and thank God for each of the three things we can say if we are a follower of Jesus.

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

1 John 3v8