

**Christmas: Away in a Manger  
"Away In a Manger"  
Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7**

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**What impact does joy have on you...your life?**

"A character to know...a characteristic to learn...and a carol to cherish!"

Character: \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristic: \_\_\_\_\_

CAROL: \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Realities About Joy We Must Understand This Christmas:**

**1. Joy is not \_\_\_\_\_ to ideal circumstances!** (Ne 8:10; Ps 28:7; 2Co 4:16-18, 12:9; Ga 5:22-23; Ja 1:2)

**2. Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ I make!** (Jn 16:21; 1Th 5:16-18; He 12:1-3; Ja 1:2-3)

**3. Joy cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ away...but it can be \_\_\_\_\_ away!** (Jn 15:11; 16:22; Ph 4:4)

**Opportunity Challenge:**

\*Where have I allowed my circumstance(s) to dictate my joy?

\*How might the joy of the Lord strengthen me in what I currently face?

\*In what ways have I given away my joy?