

Merry Christmas from Sugar Hill Church
Family Devotions for Thursday December 7, 2017

John the Baptist said of Jesus: "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."

John 3:30

I remember singing the old Christmas tune that I think Mom and Dad used to straighten me out when I was acting badly. It goes like this: "*You better watch out You better not cry. You better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town. He's making a list, He's checking it twice, He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice, Santa Claus is coming to town.*"

I was captured with the thought that somebody knew if I was good or bad. But God knows everything about us, even when we think bad thoughts or do bad things. Even we act badly and pout.

Aren't you glad that Jesus came and created Christmas even though He knew all the things we have done?

Read this poem out loud with your family:

***A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away;
While quite unselfish, it grows small.
- Eva K. Logue***

We are like a candle that keeps burning brightly with the light of Christ and Christmas. We give ourselves away, worshipping Him and serving him, that we might become less and less, that he might become greater and brighter through us.

This Christmas season, allow yourself to burn brightly for Jesus. After all, Christmas is all about Jesus.

Ask your children these two questions:

1. If I act badly and don't obey all of God's rules, will He still love me? (YES! He always loves us, but when we do bad things, we hurt His feelings)
2. How can each of us burn, like a candle, give ourselves away this Christmas?

PRAYER:

Jesus, please help us to shine brightly for you this Christmas season. We want to live less and less the way we often live and we want to be more and more like you, amen