



## *God's Promise in a Manger*

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Dear Prince Families:

A baby born in a small Judean village and laid in a manger over two thousand years ago changed the world; one of the angels present at the birth announced, "...He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21, ESV). This child, our Savior, was God's promise to do for man what man could not do for himself.

The Christmas story, prophetically foretold right down to the city some seven or eight centuries before Christ's birth, highlights the difference between Christmas's real meaning and the secular "culture of Christmas" presented by today's society. As believers, we rejoice in the truth, knowledge, and comfort that Christmas represents the most incredible rescue mission the world has ever known. That the story of our Savior, who descended from the presence of angels to the filth of a stable, whose life from swaddling clothes to an empty tomb, were all freely given to us through His unconditional love. God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the Church, your family, and our school provide factual absolutes about the story of Christmas to the young and impressionable minds temporarily entrusted to our care. Regretfully, many people dismiss the idea that a man dying two thousand years ago has any relevance to what



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is going on in our world today. Interestingly, Paul anticipated those thoughts as documented in 1 Corinthians 1:18: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (NIV).

As your family prepares to celebrate Christ's birth with the opening of gifts, please take a moment to reflect upon the gift you have already given your child by placing him or her in a school that honors Christ, where God's Word is spoken daily into the minds and hearts of young people, and a place-

where teachers cultivate the seeds of our Christian faith. Gadgets, current fashion trends, and family trips temporarily satiate young appetites and bring us joy as parents in the giving. There is certainly nothing wrong with this practice as a part of the larger celebration of Christ's birth, but we cannot dispute these gifts are *temporal* and that your gift of a Christ-centered education will continue its *eternal* giving long after this Christmas season is over. Last Sunday I was reminded from the pulpit that we cannot maintain our spiritual health by eating junk food all week, having one healthy spiritual meal on Sunday, and then expect our overall spiritual health to improve over time. Your investment in a Prince education provides your child with a balanced diet academically, emotionally, socially, physically, and *spiritually*.

Through a young person's lens, Christmas is a magical time filled with excitement, thanksgiving, and hope. Our family-school community has a great deal to be thankful for this Christmas and a great deal to look forward to in 2021.



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