

## Resources:

Each year, during the four weeks leading into Christmas, Oasis Church has the opportunity to help some great organizations serve their own community. Already, we have served Shamattawa First Nation and Westdale Food Bank. There are two more options for you to consider this season:

**December 10:** North End Family Centre provides resources to the residents of the north end – currently, they are in need of shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, razors, pull-ups, soap, and lotion for their organization. Travel sizes welcomed.

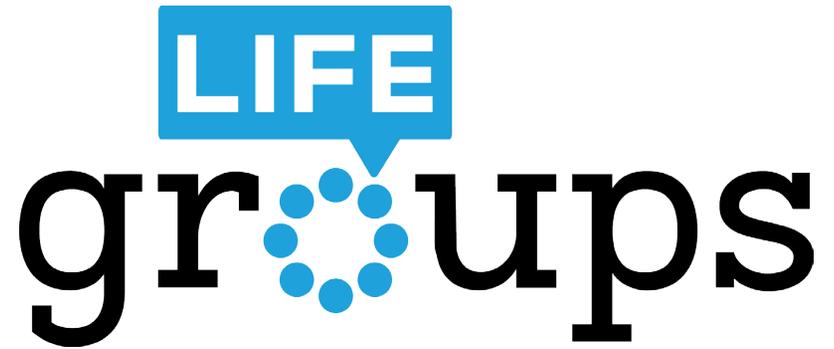
**December 17:** You Can't Spoil a Baby: This organizations provides first-time parents gifts for those who cannot otherwise afford them. Right now, they are in need of gently used clothing (0-18 months) of all kinds, toys, and baby items. They also are in need of diapers (all sizes). If you have large items (cribs, strollers, high chairs, etc.), please consider donating them as well. For more info, please visit: [youcantspoilababy.org](http://youcantspoilababy.org).

Simply leave your items behind your vehicle on Sunday morning and our volunteers will collect them during the service.

## NOTES + PRAYER REQUESTS:

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## Part 1: Ancestry.com

Begin by watching the "Info for the Group" portion of the DVD and then here are a few questions to get you going:

- \_\_\_ What was your high and low from the past week?
  
- \_\_\_ To get your conversation started this week, here is a fun question: what was your favourite Christmas movie growing up?

## PLEASE WATCH THE DVD'S "MAIN SESSION"

### INTRODUCTION

The genealogy of Jesus, as recorded in the opening words of the book of Matthew, is amazing! Matthew goes out of his way to include a number of people who, we might think, should not have been included at all. Matthew wanted to include the good news of Jesus Christ right from the start – God's plan includes broken people.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your most cherished Christmas tradition, either currently or growing up? Why is it special to you?
2. How do you get distracted from God during the Christmas season? Why do you think it is so easy for us to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas?
3. **Read Luke 1:1–4.** How do you view the story of Jesus' birth? Do you see it as an orderly account, a fairy tale, or something else? Explain.
4. How do the people in your life regard Jesus? Why do you think it's easier (or more comfortable) for people to think of Jesus as the savior of all humanity instead of their own personal savior?
5. **Discuss this quote**, "Only Jesus says, 'I have come for the weak. I have come for those who admit they are weak. I will save them not by what they do but through what I do.'" (Tim Keller, *The Hidden Christmas*)
6. **John 3:16–17** says, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." In what ways do these verse reflect how God provided what we *actually* need instead of what we think we need?
7. In what areas of your life do you have obstacles preventing you from fully surrendering to Jesus? What would it take for you to overcome those obstacles?
8. The birth of Christ is an event worth celebrating. This is the time where our personal Saviour came into our presence. This season, how can you take time to engage or re-engage in with Jesus in order to make this time meaningful? How can the group challenge each other to do this?

### MOVING FORWARD

God created us with a longing to be known and loved—through the birth of Christ, He fulfilled that desire because Christ came for us. Every single one of us. There's no other person who can heal your wounds, forgive your sins, save your soul, calm your fears, and make you whole.

### BE SURE TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP...

- \_\_\_ What are some things going on in your life that need prayer?
- \_\_\_ If you haven't planned your Christmas party, please spend some time on that this week.
- \_\_\_ Please take time to check the next page for great opportunities to serve our community.