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Holidays and Celebrations The fact that Jehovah's Witnesses do not participate in most holiday observances and other celebrations can be somewhat perplexing to a teacher. We hope the following helps you to understand why we take the matter so seriously. Perhaps to a greater extent than you may have realized, many holidays and the customs associated with them have a non-Christian religious ...

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Some were sentimental, saying Christmas is a family time, a time for children, and so on. Others were humanistic, seeing Christmas as a time to celebrate love for one's fellow man, the spirit of giving, and that sort of thing. Others were crassly hedonistic, viewing Christmas as just another excuse to party.

The Beginning of Christmas - Grace to You

Even though Christmas was promised in Genesis, "the fullness of the time" had not yet come in those days. From the beginning, God prescribed a specific date for Jesus' birth. Why did God decide that Jesus would be born two thousand years ago? Some say the date of Christ's birth was strategic, and this is true from an earthly perspective.

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Answers to some of the most common questions about popular holidays and celebrations. The clear explanations found in God's Word may surprise you.

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Familiar scene of Christmas is depicted so commonly by artists who design Christmas cards, and most people get their understanding of Christmas from Christmas cards and not from Scripture. There are some very familiar and accurate understandings. Obviously, Joseph and Mary and the Baby, and the shepherds; pretty clear to all of us just exactly who they were. We understand the shepherd were in ...

The Power of Christmas Truth - Grace to You

Christmas should be simple, not complex, very simple. Christmas should be stripped of all of its trappings so that all that is left is the simplicity of God becoming man. That is the only element in the Christmas seasonal celebration that has in it any lasting power to effect life.