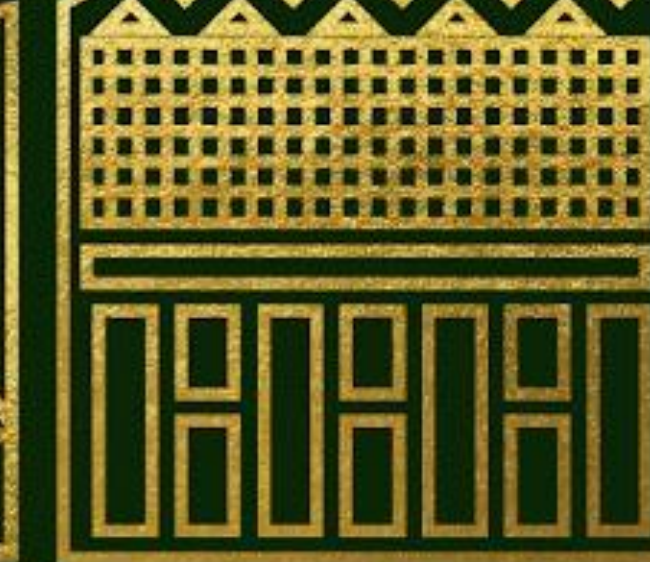



ADVENT





A CHILD IS BORN


LUKE 2:1-7




LUKE 2:1-5 NIV

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GENESIS 3:4-5 NIV

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”







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LUKE 2:6-7 NIV

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, **a son**. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.





PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8 NIV

- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
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In His desire to make a world out of the mess,
God became a man.



JOHN 3:16 NIV

For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.





CANDLE OF LOVE

Respond



Where in my life am I playing god?

How is that damaging my relationships?

Will I let God's love change that?