

“God’s Boundless Riches”

Ephesians 3:8

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Barabas is up in his bedroom working on an art project. He really loves using the art supplies he received from his father in CA. This has been the best Christmas ever! He and Elizabeth and Sam have had more fun this past week than ever before! They built a really neat fort in the backyard using sticks and branches and a bale of straw and some old lumber they found in the garage. Then they covered it all with a big blue tarp to make it waterproof! AND they played the new game that Barabas got for his Wii! Barabas even had fun when he and Uncle Floyd went to Mrs. Potato Head’s on New Year Eve. Barabas won at Parcheesi. THREE times! AND, every morning of Christmas vacation Barabas gets to sleep in because there is no school! This has been a GREAT Christmas.

“Augh!” Barabas suddenly realized. “School starts tomorrow! I wish it could be Christmas all the time!”



Little does Barabas know of the boundless riches that God has in store for his future!

Why, at this very moment, just outside his door, someone waits to knock, someone bearing Good News!

Mary and Joseph certainly had a lot of exciting things come into their lives on that first Christmas. First, having a baby be born is just about the most exciting thing that can happen in a family! And because they were far from home, because they were in Bethlehem for the government census, and the inns were all crowded, they wound up having the baby be born in the barn, the stable! Then there was that sky full of angels and the air was full of music and the shepherds came to visit them, to worship this tiny little baby of theirs. And when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple, as was required by the law, there was that man, Simeon and the old woman, Anna who both proclaimed that THIS baby is the Messiah that God had promised, come to be the Savior of all the world!

At some point Joseph may have thought “Augh! Tomorrow I must go back to the carpenter shop and get back to work!”

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Why, at that very moment, just around the corner there were wise men coming to knock (knock) on their door! Who could have guessed that Magi, Kings, Wise Men would bow down to worship their tiny baby boy.



Barabas heard the knock (knock) at the door. “Yeah, come in.” he said, expecting it to be Uncle Floyd. And yes, it is Uncle Floyd, but standing right behind him is his Father, Frank Heffelfinger, from CA!

“Hello son.” Said Frank! Barabas dropped his art work and ran to hug his father! “I didn’t know you were coming!” Barabas said.

“I only managed it this morning.” Frank explained that Captain Hale was, all of the sudden, able to fly in to visit his sister, Margaret and he gave Frank a quick last minute call and said he’d be welcome to come along, no cost!



In fact, right now, across town, Margaret is sitting alone in her apartment. And she just heard a knock (knock) at HER door. Imagine her surprise to see her brother, Captain Hale, come to visit, unexpectedly. (hugs)



God has many boundless riches to shower upon us. Some days love knocks at our door! We have only to open it!

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