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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language: Lesson

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Series: Special

Episode: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Topic: The True Meaning Of Christmas

Introduction:

This lesson is pretty simple but effective for all people who are interested in a cartoon Bible study. This mostly focuses on Jesus' physical birth and the Bible focus is actually in the cartoon itself. We use a special that is on every single year (at least at this time). This special is [A Charlie Brown Christmas](#). Most people (I would think anyway) have watched this at least once in their lives and it does a good job of showing why we Christians celebrate it and its true meaning to us Christians. It's not glitz, glamour, or presents. It is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Scriptures Used Include: Luke 2: 8-14

I) Opening Prayer

II) Discussion: Today we are talking about Christmas and its meaning to us.

Before we begin, I will ask what do you think Christmas is to you? Do you think of presents, the Christmas tree, time with family/friends, the food?

III) I will show the holiday special; “A Charlie Brown Christmas”

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/115/A_Charlie_Brown_Christmas.webm

IV) Bible Study: Luke 2: 8-14

V) Discussion I: What does this

scripture mean to you? Do you see the

underlying theme that led up to our

Bible Story? What is wrong with the

attitude portrayed? What is the true

meaning of Christmas?

VI) Discussion II—Analysis Of

Cartoon Linked To Bible Study: **What**

do you think about the birth of Jesus?

Was this fit for a king such as Jesus?

How is Linus like Jesus? What do you

think of everyone making fun of

Charlie Brown? Isn't it a stark

difference to what Linus did? What do

you think of the Christmas tree that

Charlie and Linus pick? Would you

pick this tree? Would Jesus? What

would Jesus think of Charlie's friends?

Linus?

VII) Comments Of Students and

Myself:

What do you think about the things we

have learned overall? When Linus

was doing things with his blanket he

was acting like Jesus. Linus used his

blanket to show love and humility in

the late stages of the picture and Linus

knew the true meaning of Christmas

despite his friends (except Charlie)
only thinking of themselves and
fruitless selfish stuff. Selfishness isn't
what Christmas is about. Christmas is
about the birth of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. All of the other stuff that
Christmas is about (the friends, the
family, the food, good times, and yes
the presents) is great but they need to
be secondary to the true meaning of
Christmas, which is Jesus!!!

VIII) Conclusion: At this cartoon's end, there was a very good point that even further proves the point of this study. When Charlie and Linus pick their tree, it was the ONLY real tree. Everything else was made of metal. Charlie and Linus picked this tree because it felt good to them. What Linus said was very true. "I don't know Charlie Brown. Remember what Lucy said? This doesn't seem to fit the modern spirit." This is true.

People sometimes get so “wrapped up” in their wrapping of presents and the tree that they forget what the true meaning of Christmas truly is. That is what God wants us to see in this show. So, enjoy the holiday, but have Jesus at the center of it and much more enjoyment will come of it.

IX) Closing Prayer