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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language: (For
The Kids: Lesson III)

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Series: Special

Episode: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Topic: The True Meaning Of Christmas

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”

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