

## Christmas On Another Level

Putting Coal In Its Place

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## Two Truths about Coal

### 1. Everyone has \_\_\_\_\_.

*But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.*

**Romans 3:21-25 (NIV)**

### 2. Jesus came to take our coal to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

## How to Experience Christmas on Another Level

### 1. Put the dark things in \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”*

**1 Peter 5:7**

### 2. Burn Bright and Give \_\_\_\_\_.

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

**Jesus - Matthew 5:14-16**

#### **Some ideas to burn bright and give warmth:**

- Adopt a Person from the Epikos Tree.
- Sign up to serve the kids in Joy Story.
- Paint nails and play bingo with the elderly.
- Pay for the Starbucks order behind you in the drive-thru.
- Bake cookies for your neighbors.
- Take leftover bread from Panera to families in need.
- Tip a waitress 100% of your food bill.
- Donate books and clothes

*Message us about your missions and we'll post them online.*

#### **My Next Step is to...**

- Give this dark stuff to Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Thank God for the gift of His Son.
- Bring light & warmth to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Start serving in JoyStory or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Invite a whole row of people to Christmas Eve service!  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Answers:, dark things, cross, God’s hands, warmth*