

# *All I Want for Christmas*

Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
December 8, 2019

**Opening Prayer:** As a group or a family, ask God to help you see your community as the place where God placed you to be His light. Pray for those around you who need you to be a light in their life and ask God to give you the courage to be that light.

## **Breaking the Ice:**

- What is your favorite way to celebrate Christmas? What is a tradition that you look forward to doing every Christmas season?
- Imagine that you could spend your Christmas day doing anything in the world. What would you do? Who would you do it with? Why would you choose that thing as the way to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

## **Wrestling with the Word:**

Read Matthew 5:13-16 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

- The passage tells us that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world". What do you think this passage is trying to tell us? What does it mean to be "salt and light"?
- Matthew is telling us here that we are to do good deeds, so people see God through them. What are sometimes where you saw God through the good deeds of His followers?
- The verses in 2 Corinthians challenge us to be ambassadors for God – to literally be His representatives – it says that we "speak for Christ". How is that a challenge for us? How have we failed at that? How can we be better?

**Prayer for the Week:** Pray that God would show you those in your community that He wants you to show your light to. Pray for opportunities for you to act on His behalf to reach out to those that He has put around you. Thank God for those who were a light in your life that helped bring you to God and ask God to give you the strength to be that light for somebody else.