

## Example in the Birth of Jesus

Read [2 Corinthians 8:9](#)

The generosity of Jesus Christ is evidenced at His birth. The prophets spoke of the Messiah's coming, but the Israelites gave little thought of where He was coming from. Imagine what it would be like to give up everything you possess, you hold dear, and you enjoy. Would you give up what Jesus did?

At His birth, Jesus gave up His robes of divine splendor for swaddling clothes; a heavenly throne for a manger; from the comfort of a heavenly home to a bed of prickly hay; the angelic songs of heavenly hosts for the braying of the animals nearby; the Word of the Creator became the cries of a newborn's needs; an eternal word became a mortal man; the authority of Heaven to a bondservant on earth; heavenly hosts singing eternal praises to an announcement by angels declaring, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill towards men."

Why would Jesus willingly give up His crown of glory? He wants you to accept God's most generous gift of His Son, Immanuel, "God with us," so He can also be with you.

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### Essential Question:

*What did  
Jesus give up  
to become  
human?*

*Prayer Focus:*

*Thank Jesus  
for His  
willingness to  
come.*

*Prayers  
God Has  
Answered*

## Reflective Notes

*How is God speaking to me?*

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