

# CHRISTMAS

THE EPIC ADVENTURE BEGINS!





# Christmas: The Epic Adventure Begins!

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- Life is a story! Life unfolds like a drama. We **CAN** discover *the* Story! There is a Story that we just can't seem to escape. There is a Story written on the human heart.
- *"He has planted eternity in the human heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT).*
- Christianity, in its true form, tells us there is an Author and that he is good, the essence of all that is good and beautiful and true, for he is the source of all things. It tells us that he has set our hearts' longings within us, for he has made us to live in an Epic Adventure. What IF? – What IF all the great stories that have ever moved you were telling you something about the true Story into which you were born? You need to discover this Epic Adventure for yourself! This study will help you do just that!



**THE  
LARGER  
STORY –  
What's your  
role?  
– Ephesians  
1:15-19.**

1. **LIFE AS A STORY** → Looking at life as a Great Story can change the way you live! It will help answer questions you may have about your life, i.e. questions like: Who am I really? Why am I here? Where will I find life? What does God want of me?
2. **LOST OUR STORY** → Because our days can seem so random, we question the meaning of life. We lose heart. We find ourselves in the middle of a story that is sometimes wonderful, sometimes awful, often a confusing mixture of both, and we haven't a clue how to make sense of it all.
3. **UNDERSTAND THE STORY** → There is a Story that is written on the human heart. We won't understand our lives, or what this so-called gospel is that Christianity speaks of, until we understand the Story in which we find ourselves. See Acts 1:1-5 – Luke had a Story to tell.
4. **EPIC STORY** → Story does not equal untruth. Story means, “a narrative account of unfolding events; a drama.” And epic means, “a dramatic story on a grand scale.” God has created a reality for mankind to live in, and that unfolds like a Great Story—an EPIC STORY!





# Eternal Love

## John 1:1-14

1. **ONCE UPON A TIME** → The story begins ... it's a wonderful phrase ... full of legend and myth, promise and mystery, and a sort of *invitation*. In the ancient past there was a fellowship, a heroic intimacy, something called the Trinity. God is relational. One of the deepest of all human longings is the longing to belong, to be a part of things, to be invited in. We want to be part of the fellowship.
2. **YOU ARE INVITED** → You are invited into a great story of adventure already in motion! The reality of a Larger Story is that Life is not all about you. You are precious, important, and valuable; you have a crucial role to play. But this story is about something bigger than you. Either we believe God is worthy to be the center of the Story and in him we'll find the life we're looking for, or we'll look for life somewhere else. See John 17:24-26.



A group of approximately 15-20 people are gathered on a rocky riverbank. They are all wearing red and white Santa hats and red life jackets. Some are wearing blue long-sleeved shirts and shorts. They appear to be preparing for or taking a break from a rafting trip. The background shows a river and a forested hillside.

# ACTION: Journal This!

1. Tell your story –  
What's shaped you,  
made you who you  
are today?
2. Tell your story –  
Would you describe  
yourself as relational?  
Would others?
3. Tell your story –  
When you consider  
that Life is NOT  
about you, does that  
disturb, comfort,  
discourage, anger, or  
bring clarity to you?



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