

Dear Teachers, Bus Workers and Youth Leaders,

Each year we are faced with the problem of how to handle the story of Christ's birth without seeming to reinforce the idea that Christ was born on Christmas day and it is a special day of worship.

Most of the material we use has these lessons scheduled for December. We are asking you to use those lessons in November and then have the November lesson in December. No doubt if you teach school age children there will be questions as to why we are having these lessons before 'Christmas'. Your positive attitude will go a long way in convincing the students that God wants us to remember him each week and not just on 'special' days. Gal. 4:10. The Bible does not give us any examples of Christians observing the birth of Jesus but Jesus did ask his disciples to remember him on the first day of the week and the Bible gives examples of this observance.

Our observances of this day as a holiday from work, gift giving, family reunion, can be done without the significance of a holy religious day. For this reason, we are asking all teachers, bus workers and youth group leaders not to encourage the exchanging of gifts as a church related activity.

Thank you,

The elders