

# Christmas

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Savior with someone  
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Did you know that God used a gospel tract to save the great missionary Hudson Taylor? God also used one to change the life of George Whitefield. After he read one called "The Life of God in the Soul of a Man," he said, "God showed me I must be born again or be damned." Whitefield went on to pray, "Lord, if I am not a Christian, or if I am not a real one, for Jesus Christ's sake show me what Christianity is, that I may not be damned at last!" Then his journal tells us "from that moment . . . did I know that I must become a new creature."

Never underestimate the power of a gospel tract. God has used them not only to save these heroes of the faith, but *innumerable* others as well. Billy Graham said, "Nothing surpasses a tract for sowing the seed of the Good News."

The great thing about tracts is that they can either provide an opening for us to share our faith, or if we are too timid to speak they can do the witnessing for us. Tracts don't get into arguments; they just state their case. And tracts only speak to the individual when they are ready—the person doesn't read it until he wants to.

Don't let this Christmas pass without sharing the Savior. Take these enclosed tracts and give them out to strangers. You may be surprised at how easy it is... but if you find yourself paralyzed by fear, leave one in a shopping cart. It's OK to crawl before you walk. You're not alone, we all battle fear. But if you find yourself too fearful even to do that, then go to God in prayer. Meditate on the fate of the ungodly—give hell some deep thought. Then ask God to give you a compassion for the lost that will swallow your fears. Do *something* this Christmas to bring the message of eternal salvation to a dying world.

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