Lesson 09 Beginning With a Gift

FTWTF means:
Find The Word That Fits

2. "That's a good question, Heather," Mother responded. "A lot of people know that Jesus is God's gift to us. But not everyone understands what that gift really represents & how much it truly cost. In the Bible, though, the first chapter of John helps us to discover the real meaning of God's gift," Mother said, as she dried her hands, picked up her ____, & turned to the book of John.

3. FTWTF - Title
7. Jesus existed before He came to______," Heather admitted. "So what else did Jesus do besides help to create the world?" She was curious now.
8. "That's an offer I can't refuse!" Heather grinned & folded her dish ____. "I certainly hope not." Mother smiled & closed her Bible.

11. "That's right. Those people who really understood the______ did recognize that Jesus was from God. And that He was a very special gift sent to save them. They saw how kind & good & loving He was, & they knew that this Man must be from God," Mother added.

12. "I can't believe it!______ is almost here again. You know what, Mom? They put up the Christmas display today in the town square," Heather informed her mother as they did the dishes together.

1. FTWTF - Power Point
2. "I thought Jesus was born just 2,000 years ago. You know, He came when God sent Him to be born as a______, to live on earth as our example, to die & be resurrected so we could be saved."

4. [Monday's lesson] Read John 1:1-5. Look up the word "______" in a dictionary. In your own words, explain how the word grace relates to these verses.

5. FTWTF - Power Text
6. "I'm sure He did. But what was even harder for God was watching the way people treated His Son. Imagine making that kind of sacrifice, to give such a valuable, priceless gift as His only Son, just to have the people He loved respond to Him with hatred & rejection. And the worst part of all for God, I'm sure, was seeing Jesus die on the______," Mother said sadly.

9. "Speaking of Christmas," Heather continued thoughtfully, "I've heard all my______ that Jesus is God's gift to us. But what does that really mean, Mom?" she asked.

10. [Tuesday's lesson] Read John 1:6-18. Write about a time you gave a gift but felt as if the person didn't want it or like it. What did it feel like? How is that like what God did?

Power Text
"In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" John 1:1-3, NIV