**Lesson 12 Beginning With a Gift**

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**Across**

1. [Monday's lesson] Read John 1:6-8. Look up the word "____" in a dictionary. In your own words, explain how ____ relates to these verses.

4. "I thought that Jesus' mission was to be born as a ____, to live on earth as our example, and to die and be resurrected so we could be saved."

5. "A lot of people know that Jesus is God's gift to us. But not everyone understands what that gift really represents and how much it truly cost. In the ____ , 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 ____ , and turned to the book of John.

7. F T W T F - Power Point

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 and good and loving He was, and they knew that this Man must be from God," Mother added.

12. F T W T F - Power Text

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**Down**

2. 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.

3. "That's an offer I can't refuse!" Heather replied and folded her dish ____.

4. F T W T F - Title

6. "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.

8. [Tuesday's lesson] Read John 1:9-18. Write about a time you gave a ____ but felt as if the person didn't want it or like it. What did it feel like?

9. "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 and rejection. We cannot imagine the heartbreaking sorrow God experienced when He saw Jesus die on the ____," Mother said sadly.

10. "God and Jesus were closely knit from the very beginning. Together with the Holy Spirit They created the ____ and every living being. The Bible says that 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and 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).