

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Today we have the opportunity to wake up (sometimes at obscene times because the children are just so excited), open presents and play with our new toys. A wonderful morning and a wonderful start to a wonderful day.

We also have the opportunity to wake up (again, way too early for a holiday), setup for church and worship Jesus. A wonderful morning and a wonderful start to a wonderful day.

So, let's see: open gifts or worship Jesus... Both apparently wonderful. Which is preferable?

Option 1: What did you get for Christmas last year? The year before? With all the Christmas presents you've ever gotten, how many do you remember? How many made a real difference in your life?

Option 2: Who's your best friend? Your closest relative? How important is it that you do something with that person, for that person? With all the time you've spent with those people, how many do you remember? How many have made a difference in your life?

When we really analyze our options to stay at home and do the "Christmas" thing, or go to church and worship Jesus, we recognize that building a relationship is much more important than getting a present. So how much more when that relationship is with the person who gave his life for you? Let's worship Jesus this Christmas. It's what the shepherds and the magi did. And it will have a much greater impact on your life than anything else you might choose to do – or get! Happy Birthday Jesus!