

Star in the Window

Back during World War II, a little boy and his father were driving home on Christmas Eve.

They drove past rows of houses with Christmas trees and decorations in the windows. In many of the windows, the little boy noticed a star.

He asked his father: "Daddy, why do some of the people have a star in the window?"

The father replied that the star meant that the family had a son in the war. That was a common practice during World War 2. Families of servicemen hung a banner, called a Service Flag, in a window of their homes.

The Service Flag had a star for each family member in the military. Living servicemen were represented by a Blue Star and those who had lost their lives were represented by a Gold Star.



As the father and his son drove past the last house, suddenly the little boy caught sight of the evening star in the sky.

"Look, Daddy, God must have a Son in the war, too! He's got a star in His window."

Ah, the revelations our Lord grants to children.

Indeed, God has a Son that He sent to war. Jesus came into our world to go to war with sin. And Christ won the victory over sin, death, hell and the grave. He accomplished His task – fulfilling the Father's will – by giving His life on a cruel cross, His burial, His resurrection and His ascension into heaven.

We celebrate His coming at Christmastime each year. We commemorate His home going annually at Easter.

Jesus' mission to earth was the greatest demonstration of love that the world could ever know. And it is a personal gesture. He seeks your trust in Him so that He can bring peace and goodwill – as the angels sang over Bethlehem that remarkable night of Christ's birth – into your life, enabling eternal fellowship with Him.

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