

## Christmas Cracker Talk- CCH 21/12/19.

Thank you for that reading. Again on screen: Lk 2:10-11. Angels-Shep

Got here a cracker. Some things you might not know about Crackers:

1. Created by a confectioner Tom Smith in 1847 A memorial to him is in Finsbury Square in London
2. They are not permitted on passenger flights in the US!
3. The heaviest ever cracker was made by a steel company in Chepstow, weighs in at 45 tonnes and is 25 m in length.
4. World record number of people in a chain= 1081 people in 2015.

Who wants to open it with me?

4 parts- each help us understand something of Christmas. Remember!

### 1) WORDS

Normally joke.... Some bad Christmas cracker jokes around!

1. Why did Santa's helper need to go to the doctor?  
Because he had low "elf esteem"
2. Why does father Christmas have 3 gardens?  
So he can "hoe hoe hoe"
3. What do they sing at a Snowman's birthday?  
"Freeze a jolly good fellow"

Can also have riddle, or piece of trivia or motto (WISE WORDS). Our one:

Let's say together verses 10 and 11 So open cracker Wed. ➡ Think of this!

### 2) CROWN

Cracker Crowns are for everyone. But in our reading 1 King.

In OT promised that a King would come:

that the government would be on his shoulders  
he would rule on David throne for ever.

*And which town was Jesus born into?* Town of David. Messiah.

Jesus is a King. That's why King Herod didn't like it.

Actually. Anyone have brothers or sisters they will be with over Christmas?

Anyone find it hard to love your brothers and sisters

Can I tell you why? You want to be King.

I want to be King that's why we fight.

Queen Victoria was once asked if she met Jesus what would she do? T  
take off Crown and lay it at Jesus feet. We need to do that. Repentance.

Start and the continuation of the Christian life.

Christianity is not about just being kind, doing things for charity.

➡ So if open Cracker. Remember True King. Take off our crown lay feet.

### 3) GIFT

In Cracker get a gift. All sorts of useful things you may receive:

Nailfile/ miniskittles/ shoehorn/paperclip/luggage tag

Luxury crackers: Few years ago set of crackers sold by "veryfirstto"  
set of 5 crackers Cost £4M, and include a Faber Castell fountain pen, luxury  
watch, diamond necklace, keys to an Aston Martin car, and a star prize a  
Sunseeker luxury yacht worth over £3M.

But like all gifts those will fade one day.

Well this gift is priceless. Saviour.

Jesus Christ is the gift. You can know him, you can love him, you can have  
him in your life for now and eternity. He's not only a King, he's a Saviour  
too. And he comes to forgive all the sins that block us off from God.

➡ Can't take a yacht with you when you die. Jesus opens door of Heaven.

### 4) SURPRISE (snap!- not huge surprise still moment anticipation)

Perhaps biggest surprise in this passage two words. TO YOU! This said to  
Shepherds- lowest of low. Not sure if farmers here today. Then= lowest.

No-one is too unworthy, too poor, too distant, too bad too far for receiving  
Jesus. Can be too good. Think you don't need him. ➡ Think of this!

So what 4 things. 1) Words. 2) Crown. 3) Gift. 4) Surprise. FOR YOU!

*Over to Jo for the prayers.*