## Children's Sermon for Dec. 22(based on Mt. 1:18-25)

**Items needed**: red Christmas decoration, large green paper, one dollar bill.

There are usually two colors that are the official Christmas colors. One is this one (hold up red decoration)-ask kids what color it is. What's the other Christmas color--green! Now, I have two green papers with me--hold up large green paper in one hand, and dollar bill in other. Now, which of these two green papers would you rather have? (Hopefully, they pick dollar.) But wouldn't you rather have this one (hold up plain paper) because it is bigger? No, even though the dollar bill is smaller than the plain paper, it is worth more. In today's Bible reading, God tells a person named Joseph about a little baby that's going to be born to change the world. Many times, we think bigger is always better---like a bigger present is better than a small one. But, again, which of these two green papers would you rather have? The smaller, because it's worth more. Small things can be worth a lot---just like you all, though you are small, are worth a lot to God, and to us.

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