

Christmas Presence

Sunday Dec. 27, 2015

1. IKEA: The Other Letter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ3ePGr8Q7k>

2. Skit Guys Video: *Christmas Connection*

<https://skitguys.com/videos/item/the-christmas-connection>

3. **How can we practice the presence of Jesus in our lives today?**

By remembering that Jesus is our secure base.

- He gave me life and he gives me breath.
- He's not wishy-washy.
- He's only a prayer away.
- He is powerful and He loves me.

4. **How can we practice the presence of Jesus in our lives today?**

By praying without ceasing.

5. **How can we practice the presence of Jesus in our lives today?**

By letting Him refill our spiritual cup.

- Let Him tell you.
- Let Him show you.
- Let Him train you.

6. Tests of Faith*.

The Pressure Test. It asks, "How will we handle stress?" Do we turn to God when we're in trouble and not to other things?

7. Tests of Faith.

The People Test. We get disappointed by people because we sometimes expect them to meet a need that only God himself can meet.

8. Tests of Faith.

The Priorities Test. It asks, "Who will be first in our lives?" Here's how we'll know – Ask these 3 Qs: What do I think about most? Where does my money go first? How do I spend my time?

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