

Christmas Birthday Cake for Jesus

Bake or purchase a red velvet cake with white icing. Get a large green candle.

On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, before serving the cake, take a moment to explain the symbolism of the cake.

You may begin with the Gospel. Jesus existed with God in the beginning. Man was created by God to know, love and worship Him. But man rebelled and every person since has been separated from God and His love. This cake tells a story of God's plan to restore the relationship man was meant to have with a holy God.

Jesus came to earth in the form of a human baby. But His intention all along was to eventually die on the Cross to pay for the sins of the world, including you and me. God raised Jesus from the dead and He is alive today in heaven.

The red cake symbolizes the blood of Jesus poured out for our sins when He died on the Cross. The Bible says that the wages of sin is death, so Jesus died for our sins.

The white icing symbolizes that those who trust in Jesus as their Savior are completely forgiven and made to be as white as snow in God's eyes.

The green candle represents eternal life (like the green evergreen tree), given to those who repent of their sins and receive Jesus as Lord. The gift of God is eternal life to all who believe.

The flame of the candle represents that Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus said that whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Without Christ, we are spiritually blind and living in darkness.

The cut is cut into pieces and offered to individuals to represent that each person must choose to receive God's gift of eternal life. Whoever believes has eternal life.

The cake is received with thanksgiving, as any gift. Eternal life, like the cake, is the gift of God. One does not need to pay for it or work for it; it is a gift. Jesus did the work by His death and resurrection.

Just as children love cake, Jesus praised little children for coming to Him in simple trust, simply receiving His love because they know that they have nothing to offer, no ability to produce salvation any more than a child can bake a cake.

You can receive this gift of eternal life by taking God at His Word, admitting that you have sinned or rebelled against God and gone your own way but willing to repent; believing that Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sins on the Cross, that Jesus rose from the dead in order to prove He has power over death and can give eternal life to all who trust in Him, and through childlike prayer receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.

You can share many ways or depth depending on the Holy Spirit leading, the audience and situation. God bless.