

**The Ultimate Christmas Survival Kit**  
**“How to Remove the Hum-Bug from Your Holiday”**

**(PRAY WITH KIDS BEFORE SERMON MASON GOES UNDER TABLE)**

**VIDEO – Humbug**  
**CUE – PASTOR**

**A. THE WORST THING TO BE OR TO BE AROUND IS A HUMBUG AT CHRISTMAS.**

1. Have you ever been around somebody at Christmas that every time a gift is opened their saying, “WELL I WONDER WHAT THAT COST ME”
2. This is one time a year when God wants us to be giving, not a Hum-bug.

**SURVIVAL KIT – A CHILD – (pull out mason)**

**A. WE NEED TO PULL OUT OUR CHILD-LIKE ATTITUDE.**

1. As we go through this journey of life we drop out somewhere along the trip our child like attitude.
2. The way we used to look at this world through a **CHILD EYES.**

**VIDOE – CHILD EYES**  
**CUE – “CHILD EYES”**

**VIDEO – CHILD EYES PICS 2-17**  
**CUE – PASTOR**

**ILL: ONE DAY THE DISCIPLES WERE ARGUING ABOUT WHO WAS GOING TO BE THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM**

**A. UNDERSTAND THAT THE DISCIPLES STILL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS.**

1. When Jesus talked about setting up His Kingdom they kept thinking it was going to be on earth.
2. Jealousy and envy rose among them.
3. That's when they went to Jesus and said, "Who of us is going to be the greatest in your Kingdom."

### **Matthew 18:2-3 (AMP)**

**And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them, And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all].**

### **B. THE DISCIPLES WERE COMING TO JESUS LIKE SO MANY PEOPLE DO.**

1. **With the thought, "IF I DO THIS WORK"  
"IF I GIVE SO MUCH MONEY" "IF I HAVE A CERTAIN POSITION"**
2. The disciples were possessed by a spirit of pride, ambition, envy.
3. People try to figure out how much the gift cost and they work over time in all their human effort.
4. **THINKING THAT THEIR PUTTING THE GIFT JESUS CHRIST IN THEIR HOMES BUT ALL ALONG IT'S EMPTINESS.**

### **VIDEO –HUMBUG 2 CUE - PASTOR**

### **Colossians 2:8 (MSG)**

**Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ.**

### **C. THE TRADITIONS OF MEN ARE WEAK.**

1. THEIR STILL TRYING TO DO THINGS THAT MAKE THEM FEEL GOOD, LOOK GOOD, SOUND GOOD.
2. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THEIR EMPTY.
3. **AND IT'S SO SIMPLY IF PEOPLE WOULD JUST RECEIVE IT THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES.**
4. **CHILDREN DON'T THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH THE GIFT COST.**
5. THEY JUST RECEIVE IT THROUGH FAITH WITH HAPPINESS.

### **SURVIVAL KIT – MANAGER**

- A. **WHEN YOU PUT CHRIST IN YOUR CHRISTMAS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS YOUR FULL NOT EMPTY.**

#### **Colossians 2:9-10 (NLT)**

**For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.**

1. THE HUM-BUG ATTITUDE GOES AWAY AND YOU FINALLY REALIZE WHO HE IS AND WHY HE CAME.

**VIDEO – LOGAN  
CUE - PASTOR**