

Fantastic "AlterNativity" new super cool nativity musical

I thought you might be interested in this definitely new and a bit weird nativity musical play. You can get everything you need to put this musical on in your group on the web links below.

It's a little different from the usual
It's got a large cast Including an older cast
It's got music that is culturally-relevant that young adults will want to perform
It's a truthful account of the nativity in an accessible way
It's a humorous show to thoroughly entertain an audience
It's a musical that showcases talented performers
It's a production where every cast member plays a part
It's a well-structured, entertaining script
It's a production that is easy to rehearse
It's got professional-sounding, chart-style backing tracks
I loved it.

Watch a clip on youtube <http://youtu.be/h6YXZY24P90>
(note: spelling youtu.be)
and <http://youtu.be/K-4Bk4Ju9Ys>

AlterNativity tells the Christmas story using a rhyming script interspersed with 13 'pop' songs sung to backing tracks. The show offers a refreshing antidote to the traditional primary-school nativity, by telling a familiar tale in an 'alternative' way via chart-style music that is cool enough for young adults to want to perform and for the public to enjoy watching! This musical is a departure from the standard, mass-produced bland school musical – there's no hand-jiving here...it's hip hop instead

For more info:-

<http://www.musicacademy.com/2013/09/alternativity/>
<http://alternativitymusical.co.uk>



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS IS HISTORY

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IMPROVE YOUR GOALS (four ways to positive growth)

Body Image

Stock up on healthy breakfast foods, too, like whole grain cereal, fruit, skimmed milk and protein-packed Greek yogurt. Go for whatever kinds of physical activity appeals to you; team sports and high-impact exercise aren't necessary. Ultimately, "you are in control of your own body" no one else. Eat good - look good.

Saving money

You want to save money? Start with the object of your desire in mind, then plan backwards. Work out a big, round figure, and get a parent to help break it down into weekly savings goals. Having realistic interim goals will set you up for success rather than failure. Don't bust your budget with that curb snacking and a couple of new apps. Record-keeping helps.

Earning good grades

Are you committing to getting better grades? Be serious by getting a little help, Get mum or dad to help by asking you all the right questions like: "Do you understand the lectures in class?" "Are you up to date on all your assignments?" and "What resources do you need to get organized?"

Ask parents to help break assignments down into steps, collect information, organize an outline or even write a draft

Making friends

This can be tough if you have a shy temperament. Overcoming social anxiety is excruciating. Try some of these if you can: find a parent or someone to practise role-playing things like asking someone out on a date or speaking in front of the class. Join a social group that focuses on shared interests is a good way to expand your social circle. Get a parent to host a small group get-together in your house. Try volunteering for something challenging.

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TIPS FOR NEXT YEAR

(starting immediately!)

Make more friends

Change some body else's life better for the better

Make 5 people smile a day

Believe in myself, and other people

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Christmas is History

Is Christmas outdated? Is Christmas a myth? What is the point of Christmas?

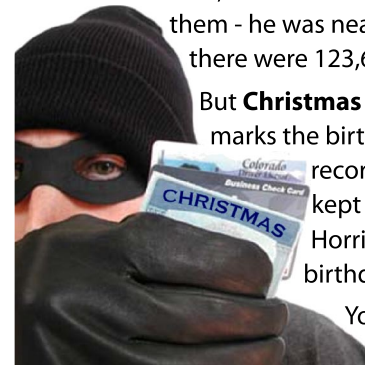
Should we celebrate Christmas?

"History is more or less bunk" said Henry Ford - so maybe you don't need to know any history to get rich making cars. Did you ever watch "Horrible Histories"? Everything that happened before we were born was either funny, stupid or wicked but never boring. It never let the facts get in the way of a good laugh. But I would bet that there is one historical date that everyone is *really* interested in - their own birthday! *You* are history.



Apart from presents, food and fun, birthdays are useful to prove who you are. That's why you've got a birth certificate. If you can't prove you were born you may have a problem getting a passport, opening a bank account, enrolling in a school or university, or even paying your taxes.

Mr Richards had his identity stolen by someone in Germany who owed the German Government £130,000 in taxes. The government kept on demanding that Mr Richards pay them - he was nearly sent to prison! It got sorted out in the end but last year there were 123,600 cases of Identity Fraud in the UK.



But **Christmas really is history** and someone is trying to steel its identity. It marks the birthday of a boy called Jesus. All the details were carefully recorded at the time by many reliable witnesses and the record kept safe ever since. Christmas is true history not like jokey Horrible Histories and it **does** matter as much as your own birthday does to you.

You can think about Christmas as Jesus' birth certificate. It is proof that he really was born and was a real person just like you and me and not a myth. So what happens if his birth certificate gets lost? If we drop the name Christmas and call

it something else like Happy Holidays that looks a lot like identity theft to me. You would be taking away the identity of Christmas but keeping the money-making side of it (and all the fun). Don't let the Identity Theft of Christmas steal away the story of Jesus. Be part of his astonishing story and all that it means. The amazing way he was born, the incredible life he led and most of all its true meaning: he was born of God and by him we are 'put back into a friendly relationship' with God. Merry Christmas!!!



"Well, sergeant, this is one of the most extreme cases of identity theft I've ever seen."