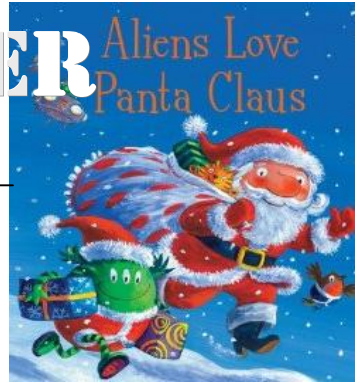


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Catch what was said in the sermon?

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Professor Larry Crabbe tells this story from his **childhood**.

We can find such times to be **learning occasions** (2).

The story of God's people is regularly **counter-intuitive** (2).

Bethlehem will again be the source of the nation's strength.

Still, Micah utters the prophecy of a coming **new age** (2).

And Mary knows that she is a **nobody**.

The Promised One of God is **not** depicted as **mighty warrior** (2).

In the beginning of the *Magnificat*, the primary value is **mercy**, and in the end it is **faithfulness**.

I asked them if any of them had ever experienced a **bombing raid** (2) in their community.

You actually have to **wage peace** (2) with double the commitment to which you **wage war** (2).

This servant of the Lord will practice **mercy faithfully** (2), says Mary's song.