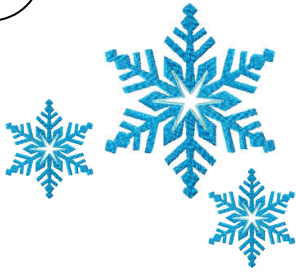


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The Scoop



ONLY BELIEVE

What a challenge it is sometimes to believe, to trust, and to have faith.

When kids come to the Ranch they are excited to have a chance to ride horses and help care for them. Many have never had an opportunity to do so. One of our biggest challenges, as riding instructors, is to get the kids to trust us as we teach them. Sometimes, a little fear sets in; the size of the horse may intimidate them. These horses are strong, and tall with big hooves that can move fast. In order to stay safe the kids have to listen and follow our instructions. They have to first believe in us and obey, then they have to believe in their horse. When they are riding the kids have to trust that the horse will follow their cues to go, stop, and turn. If the kids let fear overcome them and do not trust us and obey our instructions they usually end up having a difficult time. Some cry or pout; some get frustrated and angry, and many times they want to switch to a different horse. As they spend more time with the horse, and we continue to instruct and encourage them, they start to believe, trust, and obey. A wonderful transformation takes place. It is so exciting to see the bond of trust develop as a horse and rider begin working together and trusting each other.

In a similar way we have an opportunity to trust Christ in our own lives. This time of year, at Christmas, we celebrate the miracle of the Christ child. The Bible says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life." This Christmas season I ask you, "Do you believe?"

The kids who come here to the Ranch learn to not only trust and have faith in their horse, but also have the opportunity to trust and have faith in Christ. I hope that you will do the same as you remember with us that Jesus is the reason for this season!

**Everyone at the Ranch wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a blessed New Year!**

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