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The Christmas Gifts We Bring

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The Christmas Gifts We Bring

PURCHASE

A Gentle, Musical Christmas Program for Preschoolers

The Christmas Gifts We Bring is a heartwarming two-part preschool Christmas program that helps young children understand the true meaning of Christmas by offering simple, meaningful "gifts" to Jesus. Through songs, motions, storytelling, and hands-on participation, preschoolers discover that the greatest gift they can give Jesus is their hearts.

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What the Program Includes

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Part 1 – Onstage Christmas Gifts

A full 30-minute musical-style skit where preschoolers bring symbolic gifts to baby Jesus:

REMOVE

- Kindness (hugs or gentle touches)
- Joy (big smiles and cheerful motions)
- Love (heart props)
- Sharing (open-hand gestures)
- Praise (hands lifted high)

The play features:

WATERMARK

- Classic Christmas carols
- Sweet narration
- Simple costumes and props
- Moments for young children to shine with confidence
- A living nativity finale gathered around the manger

This part helps preschoolers understand that even the smallest actions—kindness, joy, love—are gifts fit for a King.

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The Gifts Go Home

A beautiful follow-up mini-program that shows how the gifts can continue in daily life.

Families watch as children practice:

- Kindness in conflict
- Joy even on hard days
- Sharing toys
- Praise and gratitude

Featuring:

- Gentle scenes at “home”
- Short songs
- Motions that help kids remember each gift
- A closing blessing around the manger

Children learn that the story doesn’t end on stage—they can bring their gifts to Jesus everywhere they go.

Why It Works

- Perfect for preschool age (2–6)
- Full of movement, repetition, and simple lines
- Teaches foundational Christian virtues
- Works for small or large groups
- Extremely family-friendly and emotionally warm
- Ideal for churches, Christian preschools, Christmas programs, or family services

What You Need

- Heart props
- Simple gift boxes
- Basic costumes (scarves, crowns, robes)
- A manger and baby doll
- Easy stage lighting
- A willing group of preschoolers ready to spread joy

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Core Message

Jesus doesn't need perfect performances—He delights in our hearts.

This program lets children offer their hearts to Him through kindness, joy, love, sharing, and praise.

Whether performed in one evening or spread over two Sundays, The Christmas Gifts We Bring creates a beautiful memory for families and a lasting lesson for little ones about what truly matters at Christmas.

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THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WE BRING

A Gentle Musical Nativity for Preschoolers

CAST (FLEXIBLE FOR 10–20 PRESCHOOLERS)

- **Narrator** – older child, teen, or adult; calmly guides the story.
- **Worship Leader –** older child/teen/adult; helps lead songs and motions.
- **Mary** – preschooler.
- **Joseph** – preschooler.
- **Angel 1** – preschooler.
- **Angel 2–4** – optional preschoolers, "angel choir."
- **Shepherd 1, Shepherd 2** – preschoolers.
- **Sheep** – any number of preschoolers with simple ears/headbands.
- **Wise Person 1, Wise Person 2, Wise Person 3** – preschoolers (wise men or wise women).
- **Gift Child – Kindness** – preschooler.
- **Gift Child – Joy** – preschooler.
- **Gift Child – Love** – preschooler.
- **Gift Child – Sharing** – preschooler.
- **Gift Child – Praise** – preschooler.
- **Extra Preschoolers** – can be part of the "gift kids," stable animals, star carriers, or small choir.

Note: Many parts can double. For example, a "Gift Child" can also be a sheep or an angel in earlier scenes.

PROPS & SIMPLE SET

- Small manger with baby doll (Jesus).
- Simple costumes: robe/scarf for **Mary**, robe for **Joseph**, halos/wings for angels, tea towels for shepherds, headbands/ears for sheep, simple crowns or shiny headbands for wise people.
- Heart-shaped props (paper, foam, or fabric) – enough for each child if possible.
- Small gift boxes (can be empty) with ribbons.
- Simple "star" on a stick for a star carrier.
- A few soft stage lights or twinkle lights for "starry night" effect.
- Optional: bench or simple "house" area for Nazareth and Bethlehem.

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS (DIRECTOR MAY CHOOSE)

- Short versions or a verse/chorus of:
  - "Away in a Manger"
  - "Silent Night"
  - "Joy to the World"
  - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
- One simple original refrain you can easily teach:
  - "We bring gifts to Jesus,
    Gifts of love and cheer.
    We bring gifts to Jesus,
    'Cause Jesus' love is near."

(You can repeat this refrain between scenes.)

SCENE 1 – WELCOME & OPENING SONG

(Stage is dim but not dark. Manger is off to one side, empty for now. **NARRATOR** walks to a music stand or simple podium. **WORSHIP LEADER** stands nearby. Preschoolers can begin seated on risers, steps, or on the floor.)

NARRATOR:

Welcome, everyone, to our Christmas celebration.

Tonight, our preschoolers will share a very special story.

It is not a story about elves or candy canes—

though those are fun.

It is the true story of the very first Christmas,

when Jesus was born.

Tonight, we're also thinking about *gifts*.

We like Christmas gifts, don't we?

(Pause and smile at the children; encourage a few to nod or raise hands.)

We like wrapping paper and boxes and bows.

But tonight, we will learn that the best gifts

are not the ones in the store.

The best gift we bring to Jesus

is our **heart**—

full of kindness, joy, and love.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Before we start our story,

let's sing together and thank God for sending Jesus.

We'll sing just a short verse of a Christmas song.

Grown-ups, please sing along.

(Lead the children and audience in a short carol, such as the first verse of "Away in a Manger." Keep it slow and gentle.)

(After the song, children sit or stay in simple formation.)

NARRATOR:

Beautiful singing. Thank you.

Now, let's begin our story…

with a girl named Mary and a man named Joseph,

and with God's wonderful plan.

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SCENE 2 – MARY SAYS “YES”

(One side of the stage becomes Nazareth: a simple “home” area. **MARY** enters with a scarf over her head. She stands quietly. **ANGEL 1** enters from the opposite side, with wings or halo. Other angels can follow and stand behind **ANGEL 1**.)

NARRATOR:

In a town called Nazareth,

there lived a young woman named **Mary**.

Mary loved God very much.

One day, God sent an angel to talk to her.

ANGEL 1:

(soft but clear)

Do not be afraid, Mary.

God loves you very much.

NARRATOR:

God had a big surprise.

The angel told Mary she would have a baby.

Not just any baby—

God’s Son.

His name would be **Jesus**.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let’s help the angel.

Kids, can you say, “Do not be afraid” with the angel?

ANGEL 1 & CHILDREN (together):

Do not be afraid.

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NARRATOR:

Mary had a choice.

Would she say “no”?

Or would she say “yes” to God’s plan?

WORSHIP LEADER:

Mary, can you put your hand on your heart?

(**MARY** places hand on heart.)

NARRATOR:

Mary said…

WORSHIP LEADER (to audience and kids):

Let’s all help her.

When I say “Mary said,” you say “Yes!”

WORSHIP LEADER:

Mary said…

ALL (children & audience):

Yes!

NARRATOR:

And that “yes” was one of the first Christmas gifts—

a heart that trusted God.

WORSHIP LEADER:

We’ll sing one line of our little chorus together:

(Teach and sing slowly, repeating twice.)

“We bring gifts to Jesus,

Gifts of love and cheer.

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We bring gifts to Jesus,

‘Cause Jesus’ love is near.”

(**MARY** and **ANGEL 1** quietly move to the side, ready for Scene 3. Angels can remain nearby or sit.)

SCENE 3 – THE LONG JOURNEY & A HUMBLE STABLE

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** come to center stage. **MARY** may hold a small pillow “tummy” or just stand. **NARRATOR**moves to one side.)

NARRATOR:

After some time passed,

Mary and Joseph had to take a long trip

to a town called **Bethlehem**.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Mary and Joseph, can you walk in place,

like your feet are very tired?

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** start walking in place slowly.)

NARRATOR:

They had no car.

No train.

No airplane.

Just walking… maybe a donkey…

and a lot of trust in God.

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Kids and grown-ups,

let's help Mary and Joseph.

Everyone, march your feet gently like this.

(Encourage children and audience to stomp or march quietly for a few seconds.)

NARRATOR:

When Mary and Joseph arrived,

Bethlehem was very full.

So many people!

So many animals!

There was no room in the inn.

(An **INNKEEPER** preschooler or older child appears, shaking head "no.")

JOSEPH:

(quiet, simple line)

Do you have any room?

INNKEEPER:

No room.

(stops, then kindly)

But you can stay with the animals.

(**MARY** and **JOSEPH** go to the manger. The **INNKEEPER** exits or moves aside.)

NARRATOR:

It wasn't fancy.

It wasn't shiny.

But it was a quiet place.

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And there, in that humble stable,

Mary had her baby.

(**MARY** pretends to hold baby; someone can gently place a doll in her arms.)

NARRATOR:

Jesus was born.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's give our first Christmas cheer.

When I say "Jesus is born,"

you say, "Thank You, God!" and clap.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Jesus is born!

ALL:

Thank You, God! (clap and cheer)

(**MARY** gently lays baby in the manger. **JOSEPH** stands nearby, looking down.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Now we'll sing one short carol

as we look at the manger.

(Lead a short verse of "Away in a Manger" or "Silent Night." Keep it calm and simple.)

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SCENE 4 – SHEPHERDS HEAR THE GOOD NEWS (GIFT OF LISTENING)

(Other side of stage becomes “fields.” **SHEPHERD 1** and **SHEPHERD 2** sit or kneel. **SHEEP** children sit or stand nearby.)

NARRATOR:

Outside the town,

on a dark, quiet hillside,

some shepherds were watching their sheep.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Shepherds, can you pretend to be sleepy?

(**SHEPHERDS** yawn and rub their eyes. **SHEEP** can “baa” softly.)

NARRATOR:

Suddenly, the sky was filled with light!

(**ANGEL 1** and any extra angels step forward with arms raised.)

ANGEL 1:

Do not be afraid.

NARRATOR:

The angels brought a message—

good news for everyone.

ANGEL 1:

A Savior is born.

ANGEL 2 (if used):

You will find Him in a manger.

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NARRATOR:

The shepherds listened carefully.

Their ears and hearts were open.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's help them.

Everyone, put your hand by your ear like this.

(Everyone copies.)

Say, "We listen."

ALL:

We listen.

NARRATOR:

Listening can be a gift we bring to God—

when we listen to His Word,

and to the people He puts in our lives.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Shepherds, what will you do?

SHEPHERD 1:

Go!

SHEPHERD 2:

See Jesus!

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's all say, "Go see Jesus!"

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ALL:

Go see Jesus!

(**SHEPHERDS** and **SHEEP** start moving slowly toward the manger but stop halfway, so there is time for a song.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

We'll sing one verse of "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

or just our simple chorus again.

(Sing either the simple original refrain or a short carol line. Then shepherds and sheep finish moving to the manger and kneel nearby.)

SCENE 5 – FIRST GIFT: KINDNESS (HUGS & HELPING)

(With **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, **BABY JESUS**, **SHEPHERDS**, and **SHEEP** already gathered, the stage looks like a living nativity. Now introduce the first "gift child.")

NARRATOR:

Now our story turns from what happened *then*

to what can happen *now*.

Jesus is still God's gift to us.

And we can still bring gifts to Him—

not toys or money,

but gifts from our hearts.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Here comes our first gift…

the **Gift of Kindness**.

(**GIFT CHILD – KINDNESS** enters, holding a small gift box with a bow. They walk slowly toward the manger.)

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NARRATOR:

This child is bringing the gift of **kindness**.

Kindness looks like gentle hands.

Kindness looks like helping someone who is sad or hurt.

Kindness looks like saying “please” and “thank you,”

or holding a door,

or picking up toys without being asked.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Kindness Child,

can you show us kindness

by giving a gentle hug?

(**GIFT CHILD – KINDNESS** gives a gentle side-hug to **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, or a shepherd—whatever is easiest and comfortable.)

NARRATOR:

Every time we choose kindness,

we are bringing a gift to Jesus.

WORSHIP LEADER (to kids & audience):

When I say, “We bring kindness,”

you say, “To You, Jesus.”

WORSHIP LEADER:

We bring kindness…

ALL:

To You, Jesus.

(Repeat once more.)

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's sing our little chorus again,

thinking about kindness.

(Sing the simple refrain "We bring gifts to Jesus…" one or two times.)

SCENE 6 – SECOND GIFT: JOY (SMILES & LAUGHTER)

(**GIFT CHILD – JOY** enters, carrying a bright-colored ribbon or box.)

NARRATOR:

Our next gift is **joy**.

Joy isn't just giggles and silliness—

though those can be wonderful!

Joy is a happy heart

that remembers God loves us,

even on hard days.

Joy can shine in our smiles,

in our laughter,

and in our songs.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Joy Child,

can you give a big smile toward Jesus in the manger?

(**GIFT CHILD – JOY** stands near the manger and gives a big smile. Encourage other kids to smile too.)

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Everyone, on the count of three,

show your best joyful smile to Jesus.

One… two… three… smile!

(Children and some grown-ups smile.)

NARRATOR:

Joy is a beautiful gift.

It tells the world,

“Our God is good,

and His love is strong.”

WORSHIP LEADER:

When I say, “We bring joy,”

you say, “To You, Jesus.”

WORSHIP LEADER:

We bring joy…

ALL:

To You, Jesus.

(Repeat.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Now let’s sing a joyful carol—

maybe just the first part of “Joy to the World.”

(Lead a short, joyful version of “Joy to the World.” Keep it simple so preschoolers can join on “Joy to the world, the Lord is come.”)

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SCENE 7 – THIRD GIFT: LOVE (HEARTS FOR JESUS)

(**GIFT CHILD – LOVE** enters, holding a heart-shaped prop. Other children may also each pick up a heart.)

NARRATOR:

Our next gift is **love**.

Love is the biggest,

brightest gift of all.

God loved us so much

that He sent His Son, Jesus.

Jesus loves little children.

Jesus loves moms and dads,

grandparents and friends.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Kids, if you have a heart,

hold it carefully in your hands.

If you don't have a heart prop,

you can make a heart with your fingers

like this.

(Demonstrate making a heart shape with thumbs and fingers. Help children copy.)

NARRATOR:

These hearts stand for our love.

We can't see our love,

but we can show it

with kind words

and gentle actions

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and time spent with God.

WORSHIP LEADER:

On the count of three,

let's all lift our hearts up toward Jesus in the manger.

Ready?

One… two… three…

(Children lift their heart props or hand hearts.)

NARRATOR:

Jesus sees every heart lifted to Him.

He treasures each one.

WORSHIP LEADER:

When I say, "We bring love,"

you say, "To You, Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER:

We bring love…

ALL:

To You, Jesus.

(Repeat twice.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's sing our chorus again,

thinking about love.

(Sing "We bring gifts to Jesus…" once or twice.)

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SCENE 8 – FOURTH GIFT: SHARING (OPEN HANDS)

(**GIFT CHILD – SHARING** enters with a box that they then "offer" to two other kids.)

NARRATOR:

Our next gift is **sharing**.

Sharing means I don't just keep everything for myself.

I can share toys.

I can share time.

I can share a smile or a snack.

Sharing says, "What I have is from God,

and I can use it to bless others."

WORSHIP LEADER:

Sharing Child,

can you open your hands like this?

(**GIFT CHILD – SHARING** opens hands wide. Other children copy.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Everyone, let's open our hands too.

These open hands show that we're willing to share.

NARRATOR:

The wise men brought gifts to Jesus—

gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Those were special gifts for a King.

But our simple sharing

is also special to Jesus.

(**WISE PERSON 1–3** may enter quietly now, each with a little box, and kneel near the manger, extending their "gifts.")

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WORSHIP LEADER:

When I say, “We share,”

you say, “Thank You, God.”

WORSHIP LEADER:

We share…

ALL:

Thank You, God.

(Repeat twice.)

NARRATOR:

When you share a toy,

or help a friend,

or give to someone who has less,

you are bringing a gift to Jesus.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let’s sing just a short line of a carol here—

maybe “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

or our simple chorus again.

(Lead a short, gentle verse or the chorus.)

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SCENE 9 – FIFTH GIFT: PRAISE (SINGING & PRAYING)

(**GIFT CHILD – PRAISE** enters, maybe with a small ribbon or scarf to wave.)

NARRATOR:

Our next gift is **praise**.

Praise is when we use our words,

our songs,

even our bodies,

to tell God how wonderful He is.

We can praise Him when we sing.

We can praise Him when we pray.

We can praise Him when we say,

“Thank You, God.”

WORSHIP LEADER:

Praise Child,

can you lift your hands like this?

(**GIFT CHILD – PRAISE** lifts hands. Invite others to copy, if they’re comfortable.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Everyone, say, “We praise You, Jesus.”

ALL:

We praise You, Jesus.

NARRATOR:

The angels praised God in the sky.

The shepherds praised God

as they walked back to their fields.

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The wise men praised God

as they bowed before Jesus.

We can praise God today

in this church,

in our homes,

and everywhere we go.

WORSHIP LEADER:

We're going to sing one more carol

as a gift of praise.

Grown-ups, please join us.

(Lead a verse of "Silent Night" or another gentle carol, with children looking toward the manger.)

SCENE 10 – ALL GIFTS TOGETHER (HEARTS ARE THE BEST GIFT)

(Now all "gift children" are gathered near the manger: **KINDNESS, JOY, LOVE, SHARING, PRAISE**, along with **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, **ANGELS**, **SHEPHERDS**, **SHEEP**, **WISE PEOPLE**. Try to form them around the manger in a semi-circle.)

NARRATOR:

Look at all these gifts.

Kindness.

Joy.

Love.

Sharing.

Praise.

They are not wrapped in shiny paper,

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but they are beautiful in God's eyes.

WORSHIP LEADER:

If you have a heart prop,

hold it gently again.

If you don't,

make a heart with your hands.

(Children do so.)

NARRATOR:

The greatest gift we can bring to Jesus

is our heart—

a heart that says:

"I love You, Jesus."

"I trust You, Jesus."

"I want to follow You, Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER:

Here's what we're going to do.

We will all quietly step a little closer to the manger,

and when we get there,

we'll hold our hearts out in front of us.

(Adults help guide children to take one or two careful steps closer, staying safe on stage.)

NARRATOR:

Jesus, we bring You our hearts.

They are small,

they are still learning,

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but they belong to You.

WORSHIP LEADER:

When I say, “We bring our hearts,”

you say, “They belong to You.”

WORSHIP LEADER:

We bring our hearts…

ALL (kids & audience):

They belong to You.

(Repeat two or three times.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Now let’s sing our chorus one last time,

all together.

(Lead the simple “We bring gifts to Jesus…” chorus, maybe repeating it twice so everyone can join.)

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SCENE 11 – SHORT PRAYER & QUIET MOMENT

(**NARRATOR** steps slightly forward; children remain around the manger, some kneeling or sitting.)

NARRATOR:

Before we finish,

let’s have a quiet moment.

Children, you can fold your hands,

or hold your heart,

or simply look at the manger.

Grown-ups, you’re welcome to join us.

(Pause a few seconds; let the room be still.)

NARRATOR (prays):

Dear God,

thank You for sending Jesus,

Your perfect gift of love.

Thank You for Mary and Joseph,

for angels and shepherds,

for wise men who brought their gifts.

Thank You for each child here tonight.

Help us bring our gifts to You:

kindness,

joy,

love,

sharing,

and praise.

Most of all,

help us give You our hearts.

We love You.

In Jesus' name we pray,

amen.

ALL (softly):

Amen.

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SCENE 12 – REVIEW WITH MOVEMENTS (FUN & SIMPLE)

(**WORSHIP LEADER** steps forward, smiling.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

You have all done such a wonderful job!

Before we say goodbye,

let's review our gifts with some fun motions.

When I say:

- "Mary," put your hand on your heart and say, "Yes, God."
- "Shepherds," cup your hands to your ears and say, "We listen."
- "Angels," lift your arms and say, "Glory to God."
- "Wise men," take a tiny step and say, "We bring gifts."
- "Kindness," gently hug your own shoulders and say, "We are gentle."
- "Joy," show a big smile and say, "We are glad."
- "Love," hold up your heart and say, "We love You."
- "Sharing," open your hands and say, "We give."
- "Praise," lift your hands and say, "Thank You, God."
- "Jesus," point to the manger and say, "You are our King."

Ready?

Let's do them slowly.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Mary!

KIDS:

(hand on heart) Yes, God.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Shepherds!

KIDS:

(hands to ears) We listen.

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Angels!

KIDS:

(arms up) Glory to God.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Wise men!

KIDS:

(tiny step) We bring gifts.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Kindness!

KIDS:

(hug shoulders) We are gentle.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Joy!

KIDS:

(big smile) We are glad.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Love!

KIDS:

(hearts up) We love You.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Sharing!

KIDS:

(open hands) We give.

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Praise!

KIDS:

(hands up) Thank You, God.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Jesus!

KIDS:

(point to manger) You are our King.

NARRATOR:

Wonderful!

You have just acted out the whole story

and the gifts we can bring.

SCENE 13 – FINAL BLESSING & MERRY CHRISTMAS

(**NARRATOR** and **WORSHIP LEADER** stand together. All children remain around the manger.)

NARRATOR:

Dear families and friends,

thank you for joining us tonight.

We have seen the story of Jesus' birth.

We have heard about

angels and shepherds,

wise men and a shining star.

And we have seen

that the greatest gifts we can bring

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are not found in stores—

they are found in our hearts.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Children, on the count of three,

can you turn to our guests and say,

“Merry Christmas!” as loud as you can?

Ready?

One… two… three!

ALL PRESCHOOLERS:

Merry Christmas!

(**AUDIENCE** responds: “Merry Christmas!” and claps.)

NARRATOR:

From all of us here,

we pray that your Christmas

will be full of kindness,

joy,

love,

sharing,

and praise for Jesus.

WORSHIP LEADER:

We’ll end with one last carol—

please stand and sing with us.

(Lead a final verse of a favorite carol, such as “Joy to the World” or “Silent Night.” Children remain in their living nativity positions, perhaps gently swaying or holding hearts.)

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(As the song ends, lights can slowly dim to a warm glow focused on the manger. Children wave quietly.)

NARRATOR:

Good night, and God bless you.

Thank you for coming.

(Lights fade to soft, then out.)

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THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WE BRING – PART 2

"The Gifts Go Home" –

This Part 2 can be performed right after Part 1 **or** used on another Sunday as a follow-up mini-program. It helps children see that the "gifts" they brought to Jesus on stage can also be lived out at home, at church, and in everyday life.

SCENE 14 – NEXT DAY AT HOME

(Set changes slightly. The manger may stay onstage but moved to the side, dimly lit, as a reminder. Center stage becomes a simple "living room" or "kitchen" area: 2–3 chairs or a couch, maybe a small table. **PARENT 1** and **PARENT 2** can be older kids/teens/adults. 3–5 preschoolers from the cast now play **CHILD 1**, **CHILD 2**, **CHILD 3**, etc. They may still wear simple costume pieces, like hearts or small ribbons.)

NARRATOR:

Our story is not over

just because the lights on the stage go down.

The Christmas story keeps going—

in our homes,

in our families,

in our everyday moments.

This is the day **after** the Christmas program.

The manger is quiet.

The costumes are in a basket.

But the gifts we bring to Jesus

are still very, very important.

(Lights brighten slightly on the “home” area.)

PARENT 1:

(cheerful)

Good morning, everyone!

CHILD 1, CHILD 2, CHILD 3:

(together)

Good morning!

PARENT 2:

You all did such a wonderful job

in the Christmas play last night.

We are so proud of you.

CHILD 1:

We were angels!

(**CHILD 1** may flap “wings” or lift arms.)

CHILD 2:

I was a shepherd.

(**CHILD 2** pretends to hold a shepherd’s staff.)

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CHILD 3:

I was a sheep.

("Baa!")

(Audience laughs softly.)

PARENT 1:

You know what I loved most?

You didn't just dress up.

You brought **gifts** to Jesus.

CHILD 1:

We brought **kindness**.

CHILD 2:

And **joy**.

CHILD 3:

And **love**…

and **sharing**…

and **praise**!

PARENT 2:

That's right.

Those gifts are not just for the stage.

We can bring them to Jesus **here**, too.

NARRATOR:

Sometimes we think special gifts

only happen at church.

But God loves to see those same gifts

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in our kitchens,

in our bedrooms,

on playgrounds,

and even in the car.

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SCENE 15 – PRACTICING KINDNESS & SHARING

(**PARENT 1** picks up a small box of blocks or toys and sets them on the floor/table. **CHILD 1** and **CHILD 2** sit near them.)

PARENT 1:

Who would like to play with these blocks?

(**CHILD 1** and **CHILD 2** both eagerly reach for the blocks at the same time. They accidentally bump hands and frown.)

CHILD 1:

Hey, I had it first!

CHILD 2:

No, *I* had it first!

(**PARENT 2** glances at the audience knowingly.)

NARRATOR:

Uh-oh.

This looks familiar, doesn't it?

PARENT 2:

Remember last night at church…

when we talked about the **Gift of Kindness**

and the **Gift of Sharing**?

(**CHILD 1** and **CHILD 2** stop and think.)

CHILD 1:

We hugged gently.

CHILD 2:

We opened our hands to share.

PARENT 1:

Maybe we can do that *right now*.

Child 1, what's one kind thing you could say?

(**CHILD 1** thinks, then smiles.)

CHILD 1:

You can go first if you want.

PARENT 1:

That was kind!

PARENT 2:

And **Child 2**,

how could you share?

CHILD 2:

We can build together.

Two builders.

(**CHILD 1** and **CHILD 2** start "building" together on the floor, sharing the blocks.)

NARRATOR:

This is what it looks like

when the gifts from the stage

come home.

Kind words.

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Shared toys.

Little choices

that make Jesus smile.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's all say together,

"We bring kindness.

We share."

WORSHIP LEADER:

We bring kindness…

ALL (kids & audience):

We share.

(Repeat once or twice.)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's sing just one time

through our little chorus

while they build.

(Lead the "We bring gifts to Jesus…" refrain once.)

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SCENE 16 – JOY & PRAISE ON A HARD DAY

(The “blocks” can be put aside. **CHILD 3** sits on a chair, looking a bit sad or pouty. **PARENT 2** notices.)

NARRATOR:

Sometimes,

it’s not so easy to have joy.

Sometimes we feel tired.

Or grumpy.

Or disappointed.

PARENT 2:

(to **CHILD 3**)

You look a little sad.

What’s going on?

CHILD 3:

I wanted hot chocolate.

But we’re out.

(pauses dramatically)

No marshmallows either.

(Audience chuckles.)

PARENT 1:

Oh, I understand.

That *is* disappointing.

It’s okay to feel sad.

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NARRATOR:

God doesn't ask us

to pretend we are happy

when we are not.

But even on a hard day,

He can give us **joy**

deep in our hearts.

PARENT 2:

Do you remember the gift of **joy**

you brought to Jesus last night?

(**CHILD 3** nods slowly.)

CHILD 3:

We smiled at Jesus.

We sang "Joy to the World."

PARENT 1:

Maybe we can still have joy,

even without hot chocolate.

What's something

we *can* thank God for right now?

(**CHILD 3** thinks.)

CHILD 3:

We have blankets.

We have a home.

We have…

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(looking at parents and siblings)

each other.

PARENT 2:

Those are wonderful things

to thank God for.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Everyone, let's practice

our **Praise** gift here at "home."

On three, we'll say,

"Thank You, God!"

One… two… three…

ALL:

Thank You, God!

NARRATOR:

Joy and praise

do not erase our tears,

but they remind our hearts:

"God is with us.

We are loved.

We are not alone."

WORSHIP LEADER:

Let's sing just a short line

of "Joy to the World" together—

maybe just the first line.

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(Lead children and audience in “Joy to the world, the Lord is come…”, then gently end.)

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SCENE 17 – BEDTIME HEART CHECK

(Set shifts slightly to suggest evening—lights can dim a bit. Perhaps a blanket is placed on the floor to represent a child’s bed. **CHILDREN** gather for bedtime with **PARENT 1** and **PARENT 2**.)

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NARRATOR:

At the end of the day,

when pajamas are on,

and teeth are brushed,

TO

and everybody is *starting*

to settle down…

(It’s okay to encourage the kids to yawn.)

REMOVE

PARENT 1:

All right, everyone.

Time for our bedtime heart check.

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CHILD 1:

What’s a heart check?

PARENT 2:

It’s when we remember

AT

the gifts we can bring to Jesus

and ask,

“Did I use those gifts today?”

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And if we made a mistake,

we can tell God,

and He forgives us

and helps us try again.

CHILD 2:

Can we do

the Christmas gifts?

PARENT 1:

Of course.

Let's go through them one by one.

(**PARENT 2** or **WORSHIP LEADER** can lead the motions, similar to Part 1.)

PARENT 2:

When I say each gift,

you can do the motion

and whisper one way

you used it today—

or one way you want to use it tomorrow.

Kindness…

(hug shoulders)

CHILDREN:

(quietly)

Kindness.

PARENT 2:

Joy…

(big smile)

CHILDREN:

Joy.

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PARENT 2:

Love…

(hold hearts)

CHILDREN:

Love.

PARENT 2:

Sharing…

(open hands)

CHILDREN:

Sharing.

PARENT 2:

Praise…

(lift hands)

CHILDREN:

Praise.

NARRATOR:

We don't have to be perfect.

We just bring our hearts

to Jesus

again and again.

PARENT 1:

Let's say this together:

"My heart is a gift for Jesus."

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PARENT 1 & CHILDREN:

My heart is a gift for Jesus.

WORSHIP LEADER:

We'll sing our chorus quietly

as a kind of bedtime song.

(Sing "We bring gifts to Jesus…" softly, maybe just once, like a lullaby.)

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SCENE 18 – BACK TO THE MANGER (CLOSING BLESSING)

("Living room" fades; lights go brighter again on the manger nativity area. Children from Part 2 can rejoin the full group from Part 1: **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, **ANGELS**, **SHEPHERDS**, **SHEEP**, **WISE PEOPLE**, **GIFT CHILDREN** all gather around the manger again.)

NARRATOR:

And so,

the day after the play,

and the day after that,

and all the days that follow—

the manger still whispers

the same good news:

Jesus has come.

Jesus is here.

Jesus is with us.

We cannot bring Him

gold from far away,

or frankincense and myrrh.

But we can bring Him

something very precious—

our hearts.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Children, hold your hearts

one last time.

On three,

we'll say,

"Jesus, my heart is Yours."

Ready?

One… two… three…

ALL CHILDREN:

Jesus, my heart is Yours.

NARRATOR:

Dear families,

thank you for helping your children

bring their hearts to Jesus.

As you go home tonight,

and in the days to come,

may your homes be filled with

kindness,

joy,

love,

sharing,

and praise.

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WORSHIP LEADER:

We'll end Part 2

with a final Christmas blessing.

Children, turn to our guests

and say once more,

"Merry Christmas!"

ALL PRESCHOOLERS:

Merry Christmas!

(**AUDIENCE** responds, claps, and smiles.)

NARRATOR:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May His face shine on you.

May His love fill your hearts

this Christmas

and always.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Thank you for joining us

for **"The Christmas Gifts We Bring – Part 2: The Gifts Go Home."**

Good night,

and God bless you.

(A very short reprise of a carol or the chorus can play as the lights slowly fade, leaving a soft glow on the manger.)

[END OF PART 2]

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