

"I Know What You're Getting For Christmas!"

A Simple Christmas Program
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Welcome - Invocation

Song 1: OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Dialogue 1:

- 1: Hey, what are you singing!
2: Christmas songs. It's Christmas you know!
1: Yes, and I'm all excited. Hmmm...I wonder what I'm going to get for Christmas this year. Maybe I should start making a list.
2: I know what you're getting.
1: No you don't!
2: Yes, I do!
1: Then tell me what it is!
2: That's easy! Are you ready?
1: Ready!
2: And here's what you're getting for Christmas. Listen closely:

Reading 1:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Luke 2:1ff. (NIV)

Song 2: AWAY IN A MANGER

Dialog 2:

- 2: Hey, that's the story of Jesus' birth. You told me you were going to tell me what I was going to get for Christmas!
1: I did. I told you to listen closely. Did you?
2: Yes I did. But I didn't hear anything about Game Boys, computers, iPods or any of the good stuff. All I heard was this old story of Jesus.
1: You didn't listen very closely.
2: Yes, I did.
1: No you didn't! If you did, you would know what you're getting for Christmas. Listen again.

Reading 2:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Song 3: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

DIALOG 3:

1: Well, have you figured it out? Do you know what you're getting for Christmas?

2: Give me a hint.

1: (*Annoyed*) Ah, come on.

2: Is it larger than a breadbox?

1: Gimme a break.

2: Really. Is it *larger* than a breadbox? I sure hope it is!

1: Well...yes...and no!

2: (*Sarcastically*) Some help you are.

1: (*Insistently*) Well it is. Jesus came to us as a tiny Baby in a little town of Bethlehem.

2: Was He smaller than a breadbox?

1: Yes, Jesus was small. After all, He was a tiny little Baby. But He's also larger than a breadbox.

2: Now how can that be? How can Jesus be bigger *and* smaller than a breadbox?

1: Well, He's our Savior, too. As our God He is larger than everything in creation.

2: That's *preeetty* big!!!

1: You bet! And the only thing as big as Jesus is His love for us. That's why He came down to earth. Because He loved us.

2: (*Amazed*) Wow! What a Christmas gift!

1: Now you've got it. THAT's what you're getting for Christmas!

2: Jesus?

1: Yes, Jesus.

2: But what about my iPod or my computer game or...

1: I can't tell you about those other things. They're really not that important. All I can say is that you're getting *Jesus* this Christmas.

2: Ahhh, what a downer!

1: (In disbelief) A downer? How can getting Jesus for Christmas be a downer?

2: Well, I was really hoping for a Wii and a....

1: (*Interrupts*) Cut that out! The Shepherds were happy when they found out they were getting Jesus for Christmas. And you should be happy too! Just listen!

Reading 3:

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Dialog 4:

2: (*Turns to audience*) Hey everybody, guess what I'm getting for Christmas!

1 (And audience): Jesus!

1&2: (*Facing Audience*) Yes, Jesus. And guess what you're getting!

Audience: Jesus.

Song 4: JOY TO THE WORLD

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction