

The TRUE MEANING of CHRISTMAS

Sending a gift to your child at Christmas can make a life-changing difference. Your son or daughter will treasure the gift and message you send—simply because it's from you.

When you take the time to send a gift through Angel Tree, you show your child that he or she is loved. And just as you took the time to send a gift to your son or daughter, God took the time to send a gift of love to you.

JESUS IS GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

God's gift to you is an invitation to know Him personally and to start a new life—free from the hurts and mistakes of the past. This new life is not just for a day or a week—but forever, including life after death!

God's gift is free to you, but it cost Him a lot. At the first Christmas, God came to our world in the birth of Jesus—God's own Son, born as a human being. Jesus came to earth to show God's love for our broken world and broken lives. He walked a road of obedience to God and love for the down-and-out. He willingly suffered a cruel death on the cross to lift our burden of guilt and sin. But death wasn't the final word on Jesus' life. After three days, he rose from the dead, conquering sin and death, and making a way for us to have new life through a relationship with God.

By His Spirit, Jesus generously extends this gift of salvation, asking us to believe that He

is God's Son and accept the invitation to follow Him. This gift is why we celebrate Christmas!

HOW TO OPEN YOUR GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

It's time to ask yourself an important question: "Does God really love me so much that He would send His Son to die for me—to take away my sin?" The answer is "Yes." God did that for you. He has sent each of us this special gift, with our name on it—the gift of His love and forgiveness.

God offers His gift of eternal life freely, to all who will receive it by faith. By faith we believe that Jesus died to pay for our sins, and by faith we commit to following Him in a life of obedience and joy. Will you come to God to receive His free gift of eternal life and follow Jesus? You can follow this prayer to tell the Lord about your decision:

"God, I believe You love me. I believe You sent a gift for me that I can receive right here, right now. I am sorry for the things I have done to hurt others and You. I choose to turn away from these things and I ask You to change my heart. I choose to trust Jesus alone and I ask for His help and His protection. Lead me, God, from this day forward. Amen."

If you prayed this prayer, find someone you know who follows Jesus and tell them what you've done. Ask your chaplain for a Bible. Find out more about Jesus and how to follow Him. Your new life is beginning!



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Through Angel Tree, you help provide gifts for your children that they will never forget. But there's another wonderful gift you can give to them: a daddy or mommy who has truly changed! Prison Fellowship and Crossroads Prison Ministries will help you discover new life in Christ so you can be the parent you've wanted to be.

Crossroads Prison Ministries provides free Bible study lessons with trained instructors to encourage and guide you through your studies. You will receive a certificate when you finish each course and knowledge that will help you become a better parent. What greater gift could you give your son or daughter than to become a new person!

See your chaplain or program director for more information about Crossroads Prison Ministries today.



ANGEL TREE® CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE



INSTRUCTIONS

1. MAKE CONTACT

Make contact with your family and find out what type of toy your child would like for Christmas.

2. MAKE A GIFT TYPE SELECTION

Using the gift categories in this guide, suggest a type of toy for each child. Remember that the photos shown in this guide are suggestions and not the actual gift that your child may receive.

Gift suggestions will be reviewed by your child's caregiver, and may not reflect the final selection. The gift will be purchased by a volunteer and given in your name with your message to the child.

3. INCLUDE YOUR SELECTION ON THE ANGEL TREE PARTICIPATION FORM

Complete an Angel Tree Participation Form. Write the code of the gift type you would like to suggest in the correct space on the form.

4. TELL THE CAREGIVER THAT YOU SIGNED UP YOUR CHILD FOR ANGEL TREE

Contact your child's caregiver and let them know before Thanksgiving that a local church will be contacting them to confirm the gift idea and address that you provided on your form.

Completion of this application is not a guarantee your child will be served.

5. GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT!

You are invited to learn more about Jesus, the greatest gift of all. On the back side of this catalog you can learn about the true meaning of Christmas, how to participate in a Bible study course, and how to stay connected with your children throughout the year!



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Books and
Bibles



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H

Art and Craft
Supplies



CODE
B

Creative Play/
Building Sets



CODE
I

Board Games/
Card Games



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C

Dolls and
Action Figures



CODE
J

Musical Toys



CODE
D

Learning Games
and Puzzles



CODE
K

Fashion
Accessories



CODE
E

Bath Toys/
Stroller Toys



CODE
L

Cars/Trucks/
Riding Toys



CODE
F

Jewelry



CODE
M

Pretend Play



CODE
G

Sports
Equipment



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Purses/Wallets