

The Gifts of Christmas

(Video – The Christmas Box)

Jesus is the gift that lasts forever.

Anybody get any really good gifts for Christmas? ([Poll the kids](#))
Christmas is full of gifts.

So are good stories.

Full of gifts like buried treasures and surprising twists.
Unexpected problems and clever solutions.
Heart-felt moments and undeserved forgiveness.
Don't forget endings all wrapped up like a present.
Good stories are full of gifts too.

The Christmas story is no different. It too is full of gifts. The best gifts in the world.

But like every Christmas gift, they need to be unwrapped.

➤ I'm going to need some [helpers](#) to unwrap a gift. Two kids K-2.

That's the first gift of Christmas.

1. Jesus was **foretold** (Is 9:6)

Foretold by prophets. Men who feared God and spoke his word. Like Isaiah (**Is 9:6a**).
Who said a great light would shine on the earth someday – *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.* (ESV)

Do you know why that's a gift? Because it increases our confidence that Jesus is the one God sent. He fits the prophecies that foretold him.

Video #1 (1:01-End)

Amazing! Can you imagine? Telling people about him but not knowing when he's coming? Even worse, can you imagine hearing it, and having to wait hundreds of years? That's like your mom and dad telling you year after year that Christmas is coming, but not knowing when.

And yet, it's a gift. Part of an amazing story. Jesus was foretold.

➤ [2 more kids](#) to open the next gift

2. Jesus was **promised** (Lk 1:31-35)

By an angel no less. Anyone know what an angel is? [Kids?](#)

An angel is a servant of God, with powers like Superman and Thor combined, only invisible. Can you imagine?

There are thousands and thousands of angels, and one of them promised Mary that she would have a baby and he would be *great*. Even greater than angels. In fact, the angel said the baby would be the *Son of God*. (Lk 1:31-35)

Video #2 (0-1:17)

Can you imagine? Being told by an angel that Jesus was coming, and *believing* it?

Mary and Joseph did. They believed the angel, and trusted what he said because it came from God. Just like *we* should believe and trust [the words of God](#).

What a promise. What a gift.

➤ [2 more kids](#)

3. Jesus was **born** (Lk 2:6-7)

The Bible says that while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, *the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger.*

Can you imagine how exciting that was? He was actually born! What a miracle! The best Christmas gift ever.

Video #3 (1:19-End)

The one who was *foretold* and *promised* was here! God in the flesh. Immanuel. God with us. No wonder everyone was happy. Are you happy? ([Hands](#))

Me too. Because Jesus is the best Christmas gift ever.

➤ [2 more kids](#)

4. Jesus was **announced** (Lk 2:10-11)

By another angel no less! But this time he was speaking to some shepherds.

Who knows what shepherd is? ([Kids](#)) A shepherd is someone that guards the sheep.

There was a group of shepherds out in the field the night Jesus was born – *And the angel said to them [in Luke 2], “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

It was good news of great joy. So good, I think we should shout it out.

[Half the room](#) – “Good news!” The other half, “Great joy!” Back and forth.

Why was it good news of great joy? Jesus! He *is* the good news.

Video #4

Can you imagine? First the shepherds were scared, and later they on they were happy (Lk 2:20). Scared because of the angels, and happy at what they announced.

Because it was a gift of good news and great joy! Jesus was here!

➤ 2 more presents and [2 more kids](#)

5. Jesus was sought (Mt 2:1-2)

That means people looked for him.

Like it says in Mt 2 – [1] *Now after Jesus was born . . . wise men from the east came . . . [2] saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

They sought Jesus. They looked for him.

Video #5 (0-1:00)

Can you imagine? *Everybody* was looking for Jesus. Especially the wise men. Who walked and rode camels for hundreds of miles to find him.

Do you know what God said a long time ago? *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.* (Jer 29:13) Something that’s still true today.

But it’s a lot easier than following a star. Today we find Jesus by *believing* in him. And praying. And reading our Bibles. And coming to church.

If you seek Jesus you’ll find Jesus. What a gift.

➤ [Last 2 kids](#)

6. Jesus was worshiped (Mt 2:11)

When the wise men found Jesus, *they fell down and worshiped him.* (Mt 2:11)

Video #6 (1:00-End)

When they finally found Jesus they gave him gifts and worshiped him! They bowed down to honor him. They praised him for who he is.

And here’s the best part. We don’t *have* to imagine *that*. We can do the same. With Jesus in our hearts and Jesus in our church, we can worship him just like the wise men.

(Summary)

Are you ready? Ready to worship the greatest gift of all? Let’s stand and sing!

Merry Christmas – You Are Loved