

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE HIM?

(Ages ~7 to 15)

PURPOSE

To help family members develop a desire to give Jesus Christ a gift by serving others

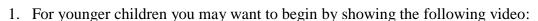
MATERIALS

- Scriptures
- Envelopes, paper and pencils for each family member

SUGGESTED SONGS

- Away In a Manger, page 42 in Children's Songbook
- Music video, Mary, Did You Know?

LESSON IDEAS



- a. Jesus Christ Is Born
- 2. Invite your family to imagine the following:

Pretend that today is your birthday. You're having a big birthday party. You invite some of your best friends to the party. After playing games, eating cake and ice cream it's time to open gifts. You eagerly wait for the gifts from your friends. But instead of giving you gifts your friends decide to give the gifts to each other. You don't receive any presents. How does that make you feel?

- 3. Explain that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. But instead of giving Him gifts on that day most people give gifts to each other.
 - a. Ask, "How is it possible to give Jesus a gift?"
 - b. Read with your family the following scripture:
 - i. Matthew 25:34-40
 - ii. Explain that when we do good things for other peoples (especially the needy) we have done it unto the Savior.
- 4. You may want to share the following true story of what one family chose to give the Savior for Christmas:
 - a. Christmas Family
- 5. Give each family member a piece of paper. Invite them to write down something they could give Jesus for Christmas. Have them put the paper in an envelope and seal it. Explain that when the project is completed they can put envelope under the Christmas tree as their gift to the Savior
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- a. Some ideas for gifts:
 - i. Read scriptures everyday as a family
 - ii. Read the Gospel of Luke
 - iii. Say personal prayers morning and evening
 - iv. Give secret service to someone in the family
 - v. Give secret service to someone in the ward or neighborhood
 - vi. Make a commitment to better live a gospel principle

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Younger children: A coloring picture, Finding Christmas Cookies
- Older children: Fun <u>family activity ideas</u>