

Christmas Is the Story of a Gift

On coming to the house, [the Magi] saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Matthew 2:11, NIV)

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Love enjoys giving gifts!
Love doesn't give out of obligation
 or selfish motives.
Love gives out of joy.
Love gives because it is kind
 and longs to bless everyone within its reach.

God is love.
He is the giver of every good gift.
He doesn't give out of need—
 He has no need.
God gives because He is full and overflows.
He gives because He longs to bless
 each and every one of us.

At Christmas God gives the greatest gift that can be given.
He gives us *Himself*.
To we who are so selfish
 He is love—
 pure, boundless, unconditional love.
To all who are fearful and despairing
 He is hope.
In our worries and anxieties
 He is joy and peace.
 He is deep, unshakable well-being.
And to all of us who are slaves to death
 He is life—
 rich, full, ever-growing life.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
Thanks be to God for
 Jesus.

*Almighty Holy Father,
You do not abandon us to
our puny self-improvement schemes and*

*our stumbling efforts.
Your gift to each of us and all of us is
the mighty life of Jesus Christ,
ours by simple faith.*

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