

Beginning With a Gift

LESSON 12



Your Response to the Lesson

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What was most interesting in the Bible story?

What activity was most enjoyable?

What new things did you learn?


Activity A

Shopping Spree

If you would have enough money, what gifts would you give to your family and friends?


How would you go about choosing your gifts?

God's Gifts

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What gifts did Jesus create for you?
How do you feel about the gifts of Creation?
What does nature tell you about God's great love for you?

Memory Test

A crown of thorns, made of intertwined yellow and red thorny branches, is the central focus of the image. It is placed on a rough, grey, and brown rocky surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with warm, golden-brown and blue tones, suggesting a sunset or sunrise over a field or garden.

How easy is it to remember all that you see?
The most important gift from God is Jesus.
If Jesus reigns in our hearts, in Him we have everything!

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made”

(John 1:1-3).

POWERPOINT

The background of the slide is a composite image. The upper portion shows a crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, resting on a bed of dark, jagged rocks. The lower portion shows a crown of jewels, a symbol of royalty and honor, also resting on a bed of dark, jagged rocks. The two crowns are reflected in a pool of water that runs horizontally across the middle of the image, creating a visual metaphor for the relationship between suffering and glory.

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

How Was Your Week?

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?



Songs

“Behold What Manner of Love” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 42)

“Thou Art Worthy” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 49)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 54)

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer Time

Praise God for His provisions.

Pray over the prayer requests.

Thank God for answering the prayers according to His will, for He knows what is best for us.


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Expectations

A crown of thorns, made of intertwined yellow and red thorny branches, is the central focus of the image. It is placed on a bed of brown, rounded stones. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with warm, golden-brown and blue tones, suggesting a natural setting. The overall mood is contemplative and somber.

During holidays people give and receive gifts. Sadly, the gifts we get from others get old and lose value. But God's gift of grace has eternal value. How do you appreciate God's gift of love?

INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

The Story

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story:
www.juniorpowerpoints.org



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EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Being a Message

Read Luke 1:1-18.

How difficult is it to become the message?

What's the difference between saying a message and actually being a message?

References

Try to find references that compare to the following texts.

- John 1:1-5
- John 1:6-13
- John 1:14-18

What did you find?



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APPLY THE LESSON

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- When was God's gift given to us?
- What can we become through God's gift of grace?

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SHARE THE LESSON

A Gift for You




- What does the life of Jesus tell us about God?
- With whom can you share the good news of God's love?
- In what ways will you pass on the good news about Jesus?

Coming Up Next Week

“Gift Exchange”

- We open our hearts to Jesus
- Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
- Complete the daily activities
- Memorize the Power Text

Closing Prayer

A crown of thorns, made of dry, yellowish-brown branches with sharp, reddish-brown thorns, is the central focus. It is placed on a bed of small, light blue and white flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with more flowers and a hint of a blue sky.

*Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the precious gift of Your Son, Jesus. We
accept Your gift to us. Please help us to share Jesus
with others so that they may know of Your love.
Amen.*