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Seniors



GET INTO
THE BIBLE



10 MINUTES



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TO GO

THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT



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What's the greatest Christmas gift you have ever received? What would be the perfect Christmas gift to be given this Christmas? Do any of those gifts match up to the greatest Christmas gift of all time, the baby Jesus? Link with our 'The Greatest Gift' Christmas Challenge 2023. A suggested activity to help award our Christmas tree decoration.



CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

► No Equipment Required

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THEME: CELEBRATING



LEADER PREPARATION

No leader preparation is required for this activity.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Start by asking what the group's favourite ever Christmas present has been? Can they remember their favourite one?
- 2 Now ask the group, if they could ask for anything this Christmas, regardless of cost etc, what would they want for Christmas? What would be the 'perfect' Christmas present?
- 3 Christmas can be a great season, as there are so many brilliant things that happen around Christmas. Incredible food, lots of time with family and friends, parties and special activities, visits from Father Christmas and of course... great presents!
- 4 Christmas presents such as top of the range gadgets, the latest PlayStation games and the current fashion trends all come and go. This year's top Christmas present won't be relevant or desired next year, in the same way that no one is asking this year for the most popular presents from 2022. That's just the way things are and the world we live in. We are forever after the next best thing and the most up to date offering.
- 5 2,000+ years ago, on that very first Christmas, there wasn't an Xbox, PlayStation or iPhone in sight. However despite this lack of 'incredible presents', something happened that changed the world forever and has remained relevant ever since – despite our forever need for 'newer and better'.
- 6 This gift wasn't bought in a shop or online and was never neatly wrapped in colourful wrapping paper. Yet the baby Jesus was by far the best gift we've ever been given. This is because it was God's way of showing us all just how much he loves us. By giving us Jesus, it means that all of us can be closer to God forever. A love that is just as valuable and desired now, as it always has been. That love will never go out of fashion or be replaced with something 'better'.
- 7 If we choose to accept that gift is completely up to us. Allowing Jesus into our lives and fully receiving that greatest ever Christmas gift, can be lifechanging. Is this Christmas the time to properly unpackage that gift and explore it more?
- 8 Finish in prayer, thanking God for sending us the greatest ever Christmas present and asking for the wisdom to use that gift to do good in our lives and the people around us.



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This activity is linked to our Christmas Challenge, themed for 2023 around 'The Greatest Gift'. This activity could be one way of completing that challenge and awarding our 2023 Christmas tree decoration to children and young people. For more information visit <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/christmas-2023>