

Biggest Christmas Gift I Ever Got



Illustration: A refrigerator sized box is preferable. Wrap the biggest box you can find. Try a home improvement store like Lowe's or Home Depot or Sears. On the outside have a note that says: Do not open until Christmas. Have an address label that is addressed to YOU. After the introduction then have a couple of students assist you in bringing it into the classroom. Attention is now focused.

Introduction: Ask the students: What is the biggest or best present that you have ever gotten? Take time to hear from some of the students.

I remember a very special year also. [If you can draw from your own personal experience at this point; then the students relate to you better; they listen more intently. But here I will tell you my experience, because this is my experience.]

The special Christmas I remember is when my Daddy had broken his arm at work, been off of work for awhile so there was less money coming in. At age 6 I was fully aware that we would have a lean Christmas Tree Gift time that year. My Dad's arm was broken but he was out in the old garage every evening doing something before Christmas Eve. That year, I received a "kitchen cabinet" made from plywood; stained in varnish; with three kitchen type decals on it. I carefully put my "toy dishes" into that cabinet with great love and respect for my Dad that year. I am 60 years old now; My Daddy has gone on to Heaven but I STILL have that cabinet at my house.

THIS BOX: I Don't Know Who sent it:

- Maybe the person that sent it sent it to the wrong address and there are two Mrs. Francine Singleterrys.
- Maybe the person that sent it is from outer space.
- Maybe the person that sent it is in this room.
- Maybe the person that sent it is Santa Claus...oh no..Couldn't be...that is another story that needs explaining but that is for another day. I won't go there.
- Maybe my kids sent it to me.
- Maybe my husband or my momma sent it to me.
- But I DON'T KNOW who sent it to me!

THIS BOX: I Don't Know What's in it:

- Depending on who sent it.....depends on what is in it.
- If someone is joking around it could be Full of ROCKS!
- If someone has no money to buy a gift, then it might be a really nice note to me.
- If someone is RICH...well...wow...it could be a new car! Or full of diamonds!! Or even BETTER....FULL OF CHOCOLATE...yes!!!!!!
- But I don't know who sent it to me AND I don't know what is in it!

THIS BOX: If I could Just Open it:

- But it says I can't open it until Christmas. Hummmmmm.
- Well, on Christmas I'm still not sure how I should open it. I mean, what if it's a bomb?! And when I open it KABOOM....maybe I should open it outside.
- Well, if I open it with scissors....and what if I slip and cut through the package and cut up the present?
- What if I open it with my bare hands.....and it's alive and it bites me!!!!
- Or what if it's chocolate and it is melted and it's messy.
- Maybe I should get some help since it's so big and get my family to help me open it.
- One thing is for sure: It will be interesting and exciting to find out who sent it, what's in it and if I can even get it opened on Christmas.

The Biggest Best Gift I Ever Got:

- I started out to tell you about the biggest best gift I ever got didn't I?
- I was given this Gift BEFORE I was ever born.
- But unlike this mystery gift:
 - I know who gave it to me.
 - I knew what it was before I accepted it.
 - AND instructions came with how to open it and receive this gift.
 - AND NOBODY can take it away from me.

Summary:

The present was a gift from God. His Words say G-I-F-T! A gift is something that somebody else paid for that you didn't pay for at all and they just gave it to you. GIFT is the word that GOD used.

I didn't deserve this gift.....I know that and He certainly knows it.

You see the Bible, God's Word says that I deserve the second death...that is...Living forever in a place called Hell away from Jesus.....the Bible says so.

[Here present Salvation: for details go to the Salvation Button on the website]

For the wages of sin is death, but the GIFT OF GOD is ETERNAL LIFE through JESUS Christ our Lord.

Who sent the best gift of all? GOD.

What was the gift? JESUS CHRIST with His gift of eternal life.

How do I open/receive that gift? Through Jesus