

➤ **Show Gift Box 1: (Angel)**

*In the beginning, God started to plan
to bring about Christmas and it would be grand!
Here He would launch a gift giving tradition.
I'll tell how it started so please pay attention.*

*But before we get to this story's heart,
let me explain how I play a part.
I was involved a long time ago.
As angel and speaker: It's God's words I know.*

*For I stand in His presence. I am Gabriel.
And God wants you to hear the story I tell.
For my words will offer His great gift to you.
And you'll know what He wants when the story is through.*

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In box number seven it is disguised.
But no peaking! Be patient! For this you must wait.
It's what you offer Him and it's really great!*

➤ **Show Gift Box Two: (Mary)**

*This story begins when Isaiah did tell
that a virgin would give birth to Immanuel.
That name is special: It means "God with us"
And one day in this Child, many would trust.*

*So, when the time came, I was appointed
to tell the young woman that she was anointed.
I said to her, "Mary, you're God's chosen one.
And you will give birth to God's only Son.*

*"How can this be? For this isn't typical."
"And indeed it's not I!" We call it a miracle.
God's Holy Spirit will help you give birth
to God in the flesh. He'll live here on earth.*

*God says to name this baby boy Jesus."
Mary said, "Yes! May God do as He pleases.
For I am his servant, and I will obey.
So God can use me in this special way."*

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➤ **Show Gift Box Three:** (Joseph)

*Sweet Mary now knew she'd be Jesus' mother,
but moms need some help! She needed another.
And Jesus would soon need a here on earth dad.
God knew all that! Here's the plan that He had:*

*God had a man named Joseph in mind.
He'd make a good husband, who's loving and kind.
So, one night God sent an angel to speak
instructions to Joseph while he lay asleep.*

*"Joseph! Take Mary. She'll be a good wife.
This marriage is still God's plan for your life.
God's Spirit has given her a baby within:
His name will be Jesus: He'll save you from sin."*

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➤ **Show Gift Box Four:** (Baby Jesus)

*After a while... there, in the quiet of night, there was a decree
to go back where you're from originally.
So, this couple set out to Bethlehem town.
And when they arrived, they looked all around.*

*But the inns were too full - no room for two guests.
And Mary was tired: she needed to rest.
"All rooms are taken," the innkeeper said.
But then an idea popped into his head.*

*"My stable's not much but there you can stay
I'll give you this manger - a feed trough with hay."
Later on, in the quiet of the night...
to Joseph and Mary's excited delight.*

*She gave birth to God's Son. It was not a surprise.
God said it would happen and God never lies.
God gave the first gift that first Christmas Day.
He gave us the Christ, the babe in the hay,*

*But that is not all -- God wants something grand:
An offering to Him, the point of His plan.
It's really great! It's - to you - a surprise.
In box number seven it is disguised.*

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But -- no peeking! Be patient! For this you must wait.
It's what you offer Him... and it's really great.*

➤ **Show Gift Box five:** (Shepherd)

*During the night, when all was quite still.
Shepherds were sheep watching out on a hill.
"A Savior is born!" boomed a rushing wind voice.
'I herald Messiah! It's time to rejoice!"*

*Now what stood before them. An angel in white –
with eyes full of fire and stature of might.
"Go to Bethlehem, now: In a Stable you'll find
A babe in a manger – that is your sign."*

*Then finding a stable where they saw a light
Shine through the wallboards and into the night.
The shepherds looked in, and what did they see?
The manger! A babe! They fell to their knees.*

*"So, this must be Him! This is the sign!"
They had found Jesus- the Savior divine!
These shepherds joined in the first celebration
of Christmas because of this grand revelation.*

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➤ **Show Gift Box 6: (Wise Men)**

*Now, way in the East lived some men who were wise.
They saw a new star when they looked to the skies.
"This must be the star written here in our book.
It tells of a king... Let's take a look"*

*So, they followed this star till it finally rested
Where Mary, the mother, and Jesus were nested.
When they stepped inside, they all fell to the floor.
To worship the King- but then there was more!*

*These men gave Him frankincense, myrrh, and fine gold.
To honor the One the new star had foretold.
Then in a dream, they learned not to go back
By way of King Herod, He planned to attack!*

*So, they chose to go home a different way:
the Child's location they did not betray.
As Mary thought through these events in her mind.
She said, "God is so loving protective, and kind."*

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➤ **Show Gift Box seven: (Mirror)**

*What God wants for Christmas? Now here's the surprise.
In box number seven where it's been disguised.
Peek in the box, for so long you have waited.
What God wants is you-- the one He created!*

*"Me" you ask "Why is this so?"
"I cannot wrap me and put on a bow!"
No, you cannot but what you can give.
Are choices you make in the life that you live.*

*God wants you to know Him and love Him within
and this is called worship an offering to Him.
To do this, trust Jesus, who died in your place
When you didn't deserve Him - that is called grace.*

*Pray now and offer your life and your heart.
Say "Jesus, I need You. I'd like a new start.
Forgive me today for the sins I've committed.
So, one day in heaven I will be permitted."*

*When you pray this decision, the heavens rejoice.
That you have made worship of God your life's choice.
God wants you to know Him, so choose every day.
To love God and thank God and give Him all Praise!*

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