



**What can I give Jesus?
Let's look inside our hearts
And share God's gift of love;
That's where Christmas starts.
By serving Christ in all we do
We help others see
The important part of Christmas
Is inside you and me.**

God made His light shine in our hearts. -2 Corinthians 4:6

God gives us each the ability to love others. We may show God's love in simple, "everyday" ways. What are three simple ways you can show God's love to others?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Use your gifts for others. 1 Peter 4:10

What can you give Jesus for His birthday this Christmas?

Draw a picture or write a paragraph telling how you can give a gift to Jesus:

A note to the teacher regarding the activity sheet
What Can I Give Jesus?

The activity sheet includes two shortened bible verses:

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Read the verses out loud as a class.

You may wish to encourage the students to memorize them.

The purpose of this activity is to help the student remember 3 main points:

- a) **God makes His light shine in our hearts.** When we show love for others, we are like stars shining His light to others!

- b) **God gives us each different gifts, and they are all valuable.** God wants us to use our gifts to show love.

You may wish to discuss the entire verse in 1 Peter 4:10, paraphrased below:

God has shown you His grace in giving you each different gifts.

You are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts.

Use your gifts to serve each other. -1 Peter 4:10

Simple gifts are wonderful. Give examples of simple gifts that each of us have that can make life easier, nicer, more beautiful for others:

(examples, holding the door for another instead of letting it slam, helping a younger child tie his shoe, drawing a picture for Grandma, helping a friend carry a heavy box, saying "thank you," helping keep the classroom tidy so it's nice for everybody, sharing your toys, using kind words.)

- c) **Christmas is Jesus' birthday!**

Think of ways to make Jesus happy on His birthday and EVERY day! As individuals, as a class, how can we show God's love to others as gifts to Jesus? Younger students may draw a picture. Older students may choose to draw or write about ways to give back to Jesus.

You may wish to read the book *What Can I Give Jesus?* and play the included CD of the song for the class.

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