

## Christmas Presents

Narrator: "Christmas is a time for giving and receiving presents. Red and green. Silver and white. Blue and gold. The wrapping is so colorful. At Christmas everyone is excited for presents. Of course, the reason that we give presents to each other is to remind us that God gave us the best present of all—His Son Jesus Christ. Thank God for presents. And thank God for Christmas!"

*Play and sing: Song #1 Theme Song "Christmas Presents"*  
*Christmas, Christmas presents. How I love them, under the tree.*  
*The best gift, the best gift of all, was given, freely given for me.*

*Chorus:*  
*Thank you! Thank you, oh my God!*  
*For giving baby Jesus for me.*  
*Thank you! Thank you, oh my God!*  
*A present that means so much to me.*

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Narrator: "God loves to give. He gave us the best gift at all at Christmas. But that is not the only present we have received from God. As we look all around at the world God made, we realize that everything is all a gift from him. The sky, the oceans, the forests, our homes, our families, laughter, roads, cities, cars, airplanes, trains, letters, numbers, shapes, and colors...all these things are gifts from God to us. Growing up in God's world is a wonderful experience. And we should celebrate God's gifts to us every day!"

*Play and sing: Song #2 “Wonderful World”*

*I've got my ABC's, I've got my 123's,  
I've learned to cover up when I sneeze Ha-choo  
I'm growing up in God's world, His wonderful world, Oh yeah!*

*(Chorus)  
In God's world, His wonderful world, I am so glad  
He's given me, a place to be, in His world, His wonderful world*

*I've learned all my shapes, all my colors  
When I go to sleep, I hide under the covers (Sound of snore)  
I'm growing up in God's world, His wonderful world, Oh yeah!*

*(Chorus)  
In God's world, His wonderful world, I am so glad  
He's given me, a place to be, in His world, His wonderful world*

*I've got the sky and sea, the sun and rain  
I can get around in a car or train (choo choo)  
I'm growing up in God's world, His wonderful world, Oh yeah!  
I'm growing up in God's world, His wonderful world, Oh yeah!*

Narrator: “Not all of God’s gifts to us come wrapped in shiny paper and colorful bows. Sometimes, we experience real hurts and pains. And often we cannot see why God would even allow certain things to happen in our life. Sometimes at Christmas we miss loved ones sorely. Sometimes we have to cope with the loss of a job. Sometimes cancer or some other disease puts a big question mark over our future. In fact, a number of situations may make parties and celebrations at Christmas painful for many people. But, we do know that God is working out all things for our good (Romans 8). And so, even when we go through difficult times, we can thank God that He has a good plan for our life.”

(Mary and Joseph enter the stage dressed in costume. They look very sad—perhaps even pretending to cry. Mary and Joseph walk to the center of the stage where a manger has been placed beforehand. They stand near the manger for the remainder of the play).