

LEADER: What are your favorite things about Christmas?

(Children respond. Wait for them to mention giving and/or getting presents.)

LEADER: What sort of presents would you like to get this Christmas?

(Children respond)

LEADER: Did you know that there are boys and girls all over the world who won't be wishing for toys or a new bike this Christmas, but instead, would just like to have enough food to eat and water to drink? Many little boys and girls will have rumbling tummies because they haven't had enough to eat that day. Some will be thirsty because they don't have enough clean water to drink. Some won't have a warm, safe bed to sleep in. How does that make you feel?

(Children respond)

LEADER: At Christmas, we don't just get presents, we also buy gifts for our friends and family. We do it to show them that we love them and care about them. Do you think there are other ways we could show our love at Christmas time?

(Children respond. Leader might suggest things such as: making a gift or card, giving a hug, spending time with them or telling them why you love them.)

LEADER: When we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, we also remember that He asks us to love our neighbors and to help each other. Did you know that this Christmas, you could give a gift to a hungry boy or girl that would keep them happy and fed all year round? Through a program called CWS Best Gift, you can choose a present for a family who just wants the things they need this Christmas, like food to eat and clean water to drink. You can choose to get or give one less present this year, and instead get a Best Gift that will help a family all year, like a chick that will give them eggs to eat, seeds that will grow into a healthy garden or a well that will give clean water.

How do you think the boys and girls who get a gift of food or water this Christmas will feel?

(Children respond)

This Christmas, we can give our neighbors around the world one of these very special gifts on this very special holiday!

(Give each child a CWS Best Gift catalog to bring home, if they haven't received the church already. Instruct them to look over the catalog with their parents to choose gifts that are meaningful to them.)