

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE Best Gift



Theme: Giving meaningful gifts that reflect Jesus' call to care for others.

LEADER Good morning! I'm so glad you're here.

LEADER I have a question. What's your favorite thing about Christmas? (Wait for a few answers—decorations, presents, cookies, etc.)

LEADER Christmas is full of good things. What's one of the best gifts you've ever received? (Wait for responses.)

LEADER Let me show you something. (Optional prop: hold up a small plush chicken or a Best Gift Chicken Ornament.)

LEADER Did you know that in some places, one of the best gifts a family could get for Christmas is... a chicken? It might sound silly—but a chicken lays eggs to eat, and the family can even sell extra eggs to buy other things they need.

LEADER Can you imagine giving someone a chicken for Christmas? (Smile and wait for giggles.)

LEADER That's what we call a Best Gift—a gift that helps someone every single day.

LEADER We can help families have food, water or a warm blanket. We can show God's love by sharing what we have.

LEADER So this Christmas, what kind of gift do you want to give? (Wait for a few ideas: love, kindness, a hug—or maybe even a goat or a chicken!)

PRAYER Dear God,

Thank you for every good gift.
Thank you for warm blankets, clean water, and chickens.
Help us to share what we have so others can feel your love too.
Bless each child here today
Bess the gifts we give.
Amen.