

JASON'S CHRISTMAS LIST

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Script may be performed by puppets or by children.

AIM: To encourage the spirit of giving.

PUPPETS: Two children.

PROPS: A long list of names; Christmas decorations on stage.

SCENE ONE: (Jason enters from left holding a long piece of paper and reading while

Rusty enters from right.)

Jason: Grandma . . . Lucy . . . Amy . . . Andy . . .

Rusty: Are you making out your Christmas list, Jason?

Jason: Yep, I sure am--and it's a long one! (Shows it to Rusty.)

Rusty: Wow! Are you going to buy a gift for all those people?

Jason: Of course not, Rusty! These are people who are giving me gifts!

Rusty: You? The gifts are supposed to be for them!

Jason: But I need to see who will be giving me presents so I can ask them all for
different things.

Rusty: Isn't that kind of selfish?

Jason: (Proudly.) I call it planning ahead!

Rusty: Aren't you going to make a list of people to give to?

Jason: I did. But it didn't take long because it's so short.

Rusty: Jason, have you ever heard that it's better to give than to receive?

Jason: Yeah, but I never believed it!

Rusty: Have you tried it?

Jason: Not really. (Pause.) I did give my little brother a toy car once.

Rusty: That was nice.

Jason: Yeah, but two of the wheels were missing so he didn't want it.

Rusty: Then you've been missing out on a lot of joy.

Jason: How?

Rusty: It's really fun to give nice things to others. You should try it!

(Off stage mother's voice calls Rusty.)

Rusty: I've got to go now. But don't forget what I told you about how much fun it is to
give to other people. (Exits to right.)

Jason: Bye, Rusty. (Stares at his list.) I wonder if there's anybody on this list I could
give a present to. (Thinks a moment then exits to left.)

SCENE TWO:

(Jason enters from right reading long list again. Rusty enters from left.)

Rusty: Oh, no! Are you still working on your Christmas list?

Jason: Yep, I am--but this is a different one, see? (Holds it up so Rusty can read it.)

Rusty: What is it?

Jason: These are people I'm giving something to for Christmas.

Rusty: But it's so long!

Jason: I tried what you said--you know, about giving--and it worked!

Rusty: You liked it?

Jason: (Shakes head "yes.") I gave my little brother another car, only this time it had all

four wheels. *

Rusty: That's great.

Jason: He got really excited--and I felt really great inside.

Rusty: It's like I told you, it's better to give than to receive.

Jason: Yeah. (Nods heads. Then pauses to think a moment.) Who said that, anyway?

Rusty: Jesus did!

Jason: (Surprised.) Oh, that's why it's so true!

Rusty: This Christmas is going to be really great for you.

Jason: (Holds list up briefly.) Yeah, with a list this long I should get lots of joy from giving. (Pauses and looks at list.) Hey, I just noticed a name I left off.

Rusty: Whose was it?

Jason: Yours! Come on, I'll go write it down right now. I don't want to forget you!

(Both exit to right.)

THE END

**If time permits, another scene may be added between these two showing Jason as he gives the car to his brother and the brothers delighted response.*

Teacher, read together Acts 20:35 then give children a time to share their experiences of feeling joyful after they have given something to someone else. Close in prayer thanking God for the privilege of giving.

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