

Gifts to the King Narration

N(Narrator): Over two thousand years ago, the people were waiting for a king. A King had been promised; A shoot would come from the stump of Jesse. A Messiah – the promised one. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end—the creator of all, born as a baby to be laid as a lamb in a stall.

Away in a Manger – Elm Grove Kids

Verse 1 – Mary, Joseph, & Angels enter the Sanctuary from back

Verse 2 – Shepherds and Animals enter the Sanctuary from back

Verse 3 – Kings enter the Sanctuary from back

After the song ends, the children **quietly** leave the sanctuary by the two doors near the stage. In the back, have children remove their costumes and get into 4 groups (our Sunday school classes)

- 1- Birth to pre-k
- 2- 2- kindergarden through 2 grade
- 3- 3rd grade and up
- 4- Speaking parts

C R, C D, E G, Z O A., S M B, P C, R B, G W, O M

N: This baby was no ordinary child; at His birth, angels sang, and shepherds came to worship. In the sky that night, God placed a star. A Star to signify the birth of the promised one. A sign that God himself was here to dwell with us – Immanuel. Astronomers from the East, Wise Men who studied the stars, saw the star they had been looking for, waiting, anticipating, a start that would signify the birth of a King foretold by the prophets of old. They came prepared with gifts of Gold Frankincense and Myrrh. They travel far with one goal, with one singular aim, to bow before a King - a King so mighty that creation itself proclaimed His birth. To bow before God and offer their gifts and themselves to Him.

To Bow Before A King – Dawnie

N: We, too, come today to bow before that same King, born all those years ago. To bring our gifts to Him, precious treasures, prepared for the only one worthy of our worship. I invite you now to come and bow before the King. Offer your gifts to Him. And worship His Majesty.

Majesty – Choir

*(Slide show pictures of the kid's art) Kids bring their pictures to the foot of the manger.

A T: Jesus, to you, we bring our gifts of love: beautiful colors you created poured joyfully into artwork created by our hands, for you, the creator

Children in Group 1 (pre-k) will enter the sanctuary and go place their pictures at Jesus' feet and then sit with Mrs. Annie (front row), or they will leave the church with Mrs. Annie and Mrs. Julie to go to the toddler classroom.

Pastor F B: Jesus, we present to you the gift of a life... (He did a baby dedication because they needed it done that day).

C and C enter the sanctuary. C goes to the podium to speak. C stands at the foot of the stage holding the gift box.

C & C (Words): Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, the writer of our stories, and Holy Spirit, the one who speaks for us when we have no words. You are The Word, the truth, and the life. To you, this day, we give a gift of our words.

N: If you have a gift of words for the King, you are asked to bring your token forward as Mr. B H presents his gift of song.

C holds the gift box while the congregation places "letters, poems, words" in the box at the end of Mr. B's song, she will place the box at the foot of the manger.

B H sings.

C and C sit on the 4th row.

C enters during the congregational collection of gifts and stands on the "X" to wait until it's her turn to read.

Elm Grove Youth: Jesus, we present to you a gift of poetry.

The poem is read by: C

EGY sits on 4th row.

E enters followed by kindergarteners -2 graders.

E: Jesus, we bring you a gift of understanding. Remembering Christmas is really about you. We worship you today through song.

N and the k-2 graders sing. "It's not about the weather."

All kids sit down on the 2nd row.

Z moves to the podium from back.

Z: Jesus, the one who serves us each day. You knelt to wash your disciples' feet. You serve this world, and by your hands, the galaxies stay suspended in space. You are the one we serve today.

N: If you have a gift for the King of service, you are asked to bring your token forward now.

Z holds the box while the congregation places "tokens of service" in the box and then places the box at the foot of the manger.

*Slide show with pictures of visiting

M B (for ladies Aux.): Jesus, we bring to you the gift of caring for those you love. You are the God who sees us. You never leave us alone. We are always on your mind. You teach us what it means to care for others, by the way you care for us. We present to you today this gift of...

Choir moves to the stage

What Can I give Him? - Choir & B

As the Choir is sitting, S M B moves to the podium from back.

N: We give Him our hearts, our lives, all of us as an offering of love, as a gift to Jesus. Let us worship together! Please stand and respond with the congregational response found on the screen.

S M B:

SM: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

Congregation: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

SM: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

Congregation: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

SM: O come, let us worship the Lord,

Congregation: for God has done wondrous things!

SM: O Lord, we worship you as our Creator, our Life Sustainer!

Congregation: You are Alpha and Omega, Fortress and Protector!

SM: King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Congregation: Provider, Sustainer, Hope, Deliver!

SM & Congregation: You are our Savior and Redeemer!

N: Thank you for participating in worshiping our King. You may be seated.

As N speaks, P moves to the podium from back.

P: Jesus, creator of cultures, families, and connection. You are a triune God. You created us to be connected with you and others

around us. We present to you today this gift of connecting with our community. We have labored hard and long to fill this world with your joy. We have sent ornaments and cards to those who work to protect and care for others. We give you this gift of your light shining in the darkness.

The remaining kids enter from the back, and all the kids join them on stage to sing.

Joy To The World – Elm Grove Kids.

Kids sit on the first 3 rows. The remaining speaking parts sit on 4th row. (R B, G W, O M)

N: Jesus, You are the Joy that resides in our hearts. This advent we await the coming of you our King, the Christ, we look forward with joyful anticipation to you-

(Advent candle reading & lighting)

As they are lighting the Advent Candle R B moves to the podium.

R B: Jesus, Alpha, and Omega, Beginning and the end, master and creator of time and space, the one who spoke it all into existence, we bring to you a gift you first gave to us. We give you a portion of our time given back as an offering of love and sacrifice.

N: If you have a gift for the King of time, you are asked to bring your token forward now.

R B holds the box while the congregation places “tokens of time” in the box and then places the box at the foot of the manger. Raylynn then sits with the other kids.

J M (Parents of FCA): Jesus, we bring to you a gift of time, love, and sharing you with the world... (and she shared about what parents of FCA had done for the kids to share the gospel)

J W gets his Sax. and waits by the side of the stage.

J W: Jesus, the music maker, the orchestrator of our lives, and the giver of musical gifts and ability, as a Gift of time and talent, I offer you this song today.

Sax – Breath of Heaven

N: Jesus, you have given us music as a way of worship. As individuals and as your church, as the body of Christ, we worship you. Let us all Stand together and sing, *Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him.*

The congregation sings, “Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him”

As the congregation is singing, G W moves to the podium.

N: Thank you for joining us in Songs of Worship! You may be seated.

G W: Jesus, Creator of all, each moment, everything we see, everything we have, everything that is, is a gift from you. Today we bring back to you a gift of riches. Our widows' mite, above our tithe and beyond what we usually give. We give to you this day our gift of love and sacrifice.

N: If you have a financial gift for the King, you are asked to bring your token forward now.

G W holds the box while the congregation places envelopes in the box and then places the box at the foot of the manger. Gabriela then sits with the other kids.

*Slide show of pictures of items given

K R: Jesus, you are the giver of life. You provide all of our needs. In your name and your honor, we provide for the needs of those in our community... (shared about the gift given to those in need)

C C: Jesus to you we bring a gift of seeing those who are often unseen. You care for the orphans and widows. We care for the

children's home kids in your name. ... (shared about how they helped the children's home)

*Slide show of pictures of items and giving to the troops.

M B: Jesus, you are the good shepherd; you watch over us wherever we are. You are the mighty warrior; you know what it means to live and fight in battle. We honor you this day by caring for our military troops. And sharing with them your love...

T B: King Jesus, today we bring a gift of love to you by caring for the needs of your church, your bride; we care for you.

As Mrs. T B is talking, O M moves to the X on the floor, waiting to go to the podium.

O M: King Jesus, today we bring a gift of obedience. You have commanded us to go and tell the world about you and your love. We tell them all that you have taught us. We share about your goodness and your grace. We proclaim the forgiveness of sin and restoration of our relationship with you!

When O M finishes talking all kids go to the stage to sing.

Go Tell It! – Elm Grove Kids

Kids sit on the first 4 rows

N: (Elaborate, share the gospel!) Today as we celebrate the birth of the King, let us always remember the gifts that He has given us. He came as a humble baby, He lived a perfect sinless life, and died a sacrificial death. For you. He died that we might have relationship

with Him. If you don't have that daily personal relationship, I beg of you, may today be the day that you seek Him.

Let us Pray...