

Space Man Sketch : Christmas

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Premise: What does Jesus want for his birthday

1. Establish that it's Jesus' birthday
2. What do you give to the God who has everything? Psalm 50, 10-12
3. Jesus want the love of our hearts for his present

Standard introduction and entrance (Comper talking is interrupted by spaceship landing sound effects, *I think I can hear a spaceship landing, let's look at the outside security camera.* Overlay external photo of school with spaceship slide, *(Haven't we had a mild autumn!)* landing. OHP off. *Look here he is, it's our friend Pod the Spaceman, visiting from another world.* Pod enters)

Hello.

Hello Pod, how are you today?

Oh, I'm feeling puzzled.

And what is it that's puzzling you?

Well, as I was getting near to your planet, I could see that there were far more lights than usual, and some of them were flashing.

Ah, that would be all the extra lights and decorations in the streets and houses

So what's all that about then? It makes it very difficult to see where you want to land, you know.

Well it is nearly Christmas, and lots of people like to make Christmas a special time. They put up lights, decorate the Christmas tree, spray pretend snow on everything. Yes, lots of people enjoy Christmas, even people who don't know Jesus

Hold on, hold on! But what is Christmas? And what's it got to do with Jesus?

Oh I'm sorry, I thought everyone knew what Christmas was all about?

(Grumpily) Well not me. I suppose I must be stupid, or something

(Ignoring) *And it's got everything to do with Jesus, why if it wasn't for Jesus there would be no Christmas!*

(still grumpily) Well I've never had one anyway

(Ignoring) *You see thousands of years ago God decided to send His only son, Jesus, down from heaven, to be born as a little baby just like us, so that he could grow up among us, and show us how we can know God as our father, just like He knows God as His father.*

Wow, that's just wonderful (nods, pauses); but what's it got to do with Christmas?

Christmas is the time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Oh. so all the decorations are like; party decorations.

Yes.

And the all lights are like candles on Jesus' birthday cake!

(confused) *Well, I suppose you could say that ...*

And the snow is like the icing on Jesus' birthday cake!

Er, no. I think you're taking it a bit far now ...

Oh no, there's something we've forgotten!

What?!

A birthday present! we haven't got Jesus a birthday present, He must have a birthday present. What can we get Him?

(flustered) *But, but there's nothing we can get Him, He's got everything!*

What do you mean? There must be something he needs.

No listen, God says in the Bible that, "every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine ... for the world is mine, and all that is in it." You see God doesn't need anything (pause): But there is one thing that He wants.

(Gasp) What is it, what is it? what could Jesus who owns the world want?...

What would really make Jesus happy this Christmas, would be to have the love and obedience of each one of these people's hearts

Oh wow, I guess that Jesus must love each of you more than anything else in the world

Yes, there's no doubt about that.

Well, I must go now while my Spaceship is still warm, it's so difficult to start on these cold mornings.

But I've learnt something new on this trip: That we remember at Christmas, that God gave Jesus to a world who didn't know him, and that the only present that you can give to Jesus is your heart. Well, good-bye now, I'll see you again soon.

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Standard exit (leaves. Spaceship takes off : OHP overlay, accompanying sound effects through PA.)