The First Christmas Gift

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(Based on a true story)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son
(John 3:16).

1. Christmas was still a few weeks away, but Turner and his family had already put up the Christmas tree. He was excited as he thought about the presents he hoped to see under the tree on Christmas morning.

2. A few days later Turner walked into the living room and saw there was one small box under the tree. It was wrapped in red paper and tied with a green bow.

3. Turner was confused. Our first present! Who sent it? Was it Grandma? Is it from one of my cousins?

No.

You'll have to wait and see. All we can say is that it is a very special gift.
4. As days passed, more presents appeared under the tree, but Turner kept wondering about that first red present with the green bow. Where did it come from?

5. On Christmas morning, Turner raced to wake up his brothers and parents.

Wake up! It’s Christmas!

6. After arriving at the tree, Turner was excited to see the presents underneath it.

Turner, you may open the small box with the red paper and green bow.

Turner was excited to finally see what was inside.

7. Turner removed the lid and found a few small items. He pulled them out one at a time—a picture of Jesus Christ, a poem about Jesus’s birth, and a star. Turner showed everyone the picture, and Dad read the poem.

I put the box under the tree so we could remember why we celebrate Christmas.

8. Turner was happy to remember Jesus.

Dad, you put the box under the tree, but now I know who really gave us this gift.

Who?

Heavenly Father.

HELPs FOR PARENTs

You could find a box and place items inside that will help you and your family remember Jesus Christ’s birth. Consider including items such as poems, pictures, paper stars, a toy sheep, an angel ornament, or any other item you think will help remind your children of the Lord’s birth. Wrap the gift and open it on Christmas.
Christmas Service

Temple Square is a beautiful place to visit—especially during the Christmas season. The people on Temple Square are getting in the Christmas spirit by serving one another. All of the scenes in the small circles are included in the big picture. Find and circle each scene. Can you find other acts of kindness in the picture?