THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT

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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.





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?



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.

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



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

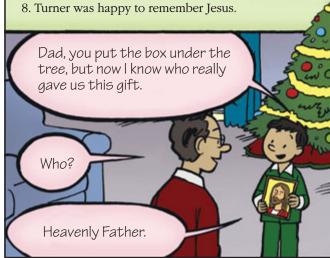


Turner was excited to finally see what was inside.

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.



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