

A pair of hands is shown from the front, holding a small, rectangular gift box. The box is wrapped in a light brown or tan textured paper and is tied with a white ribbon that forms a large, symmetrical bow. The hands are positioned with the palms facing up, supporting the gift. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light beige color with faint, decorative patterns. The overall lighting is warm and gentle.

The *Gifts*
of *God*

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What is the best gift you ever received?



JOURNEY OF THE WISE MEN

A CHRISTMAS STORY



God knows us very well

God knows us very well; he knows what we need and how best to meet those needs. The gifts that God gives are wholesome, valuable, and lovely.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father” (James 1:17).

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What has God blessed us with?

Life and Breath: God is the source of all life and us with everything we need on Earth.

Physical Needs: He takes care of our basic needs like food, clothing, and shelter.

Truth, Direction, and Guidance: God provides direction and guidance through His Word (the Bible) and through His Church (those entrusted to lead us).

Peace and Joy: He offers the ability to have peace in any situation knowing that He is in control and is our savior.

Grace and Mercy: God's favor and compassion are freely available to us even though we do not deserve it.

Holy Spirit: God gave us the Holy Spirit to help us, guide us, tap us on the shoulder, and show us His will for us.

How can we be a blessing to others?

Time: We can offer our time to those in need, or a helping hand. Spending time with someone makes them feel valued and loved.

Material Possessions: Sharing physical resources like clothes, toys, food, or money with those in need is an important way to help others, especially the poor and the vulnerable.

Talents and Skills: Our natural abilities can be used for service both inside and outside the church.

The purpose of God's gifts

God forgives us so that we can forgive others.

God gives us blessings – so we can give others blessings

God gives us abundance (more than we need), when he wants us to give some of that abundance to others.

God gave us salvation through Jesus, so that we would tell others about Him and receive His salvation too.

God never gives us anything that He intends for us to keep forever other than our salvation in Christ. Because we cannot take any of it with us in Heaven. And in Heaven it has no value.