



You will need...

- Big present, ribbons, cover
- 3 symbols for 3 points –crown, man outline and life ring
- Manger and baby
- Bible

The story

Lines	Character/Actions
<p>Christmas is coming. There is so much to get excited about.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe you have an advent calendar; opening one door every day • Maybe you put up a Christmas tree in your house • Maybe you start wrapping presents and put them under the Christmas tree. 	
<p>Its presents that are the most exciting part aren't they? I've brought along a big present. I want to tell you about the greatest present ever.</p>	<p>Take off cover sheet to reveal huge present.</p>
<p>It's a baby! The baby we're talking about was called Jesus. He looked like a normal baby; but strangely when he was born he was laid in an animal's feeding trough.</p>	<p>Bring out manger and baby</p>
<p>It is because of Jesus, we open advent calendars, putting up trees, giving presents and enjoying the finest meal of the year. Inside my enormous present I've got clues to show us why Jesus is the greatest present ever. We're going to go back to the eyewitness accounts of what really happened that first Christmas. We can find out the facts from Luke and Matthew's Gospels in the Bible. All the clues I've got in here, I am certain they're true because they come from the Bible.</p>	<p>slow here</p> <p>Holding Bible</p>



Here's the first clue.

1. The King forever over us

"I'm Gabriel."

He's the angel who appeared to Mary. An angel is like one of God's soldiers who delivers messages for Him. Here is what he said to Mary about the baby boy that she would give birth to.

Angel comes out of giant present dressed as a soldier.

"The Lord God will give him the throne of his Father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his Kingdom will never end." (Luke 1 32-33)

But Gabriel, what does all that mean?

"This baby that Mary would give birth to, would grow up to be a King. The King. The King of God's world. And unlike every other King who has ever lived, this King would rule forever. "

Narrator holds up crown

This baby is a King. He doesn't look much like a King! But God promised that he would grow up to be the King forever.

What's next? Let's see our second clue.

2. God with us

"I'm Joseph."

He was about to marry Mary. He found out that Mary was going to have a baby. He knew that he wasn't the Father. Just as he was working all this out, an angel spoke to Joseph in a dream.

Joseph comes out of the giant present dressed as a common man



“The angel said to me, “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel- which means, ‘God with us’ ”. (Matthew 1:23)

What does that mean?

“Well, it means that this will grow up to be a normal man. But, he will also be God himself. As he grows up; people will be seeing God himself walking and talking and eating and laughing.”

The baby is the King. The baby is God with us. God became a baby to be just like you and I.

Narrator holds up man outline

And what’s next? The third clue.

3. The Saviour for us

‘I’m a shepherd from Bethlehem.’”

He’s one of the shepherds, who worked in the hills outside Bethlehem. The angel appeared to him, after the baby had been born.

A shepherd comes out of the giant present dressed as a working man

“The angel said to me, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

What does that mean?

“This ordinary looking baby was born a Saviour. He was born to save others, to rescue people, so that they could be friends with God.

It’s the Easter story- that he would give everything for me, so that even I could be in God’s own family. “

Narrator holds up life ring pointing to baby



This baby would grow up to give his life, so that you and I can have life by trusting Him.
So, the greatest gift of all time has been given to us.

We're all sure now, aren't we? Jesus: The King forever over us.
God, as a man with us. The Saviour for us.

Like any present, to enjoy it, it has to be taken and enjoyed. For Jesus to be our King, God with us, and our Saviour we need to take him and enjoy him by trusting him, before all others.

Imagine, having a Christmas present that we didn't take and we didn't enjoy, and instead we put back in the box for next year.

Trust Jesus and enjoy him this Christmas. He's the best present, you'll ever be offered.

Go to put back in box