

Be a STAR



A Christmas assembly for Key Stages 1&2/Primary 1-7

Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- Undecorated Christmas tree
- some tree lights
- some tree decorations
- presents
- Santa hat
- Christmas song

Key Questions

What makes Christmas special for children?

How can we make Christmas special for someone else?

In today's assembly we're going to be thinking about what makes Christmas special for children and how we can make Christmas sparkle for someone else.

What does Christmas mean to you? What kind of things do you like to have so you know it is Christmas? *Encourage a range of responses for example, turkey, crackers, presents, tree, and family.*

When you see all these Christmassy things, how does it make you feel?

Are you excited for Christmas?

Bring out an undecorated tree. What makes a tree a Christmas tree?

What does this tree need to get it ready for Christmas? *Take some responses. Put a selection of decorations on the tree- you may wish to get some children to help you. Do not put any presents under it! Look and admire the tree.* What a beautiful tree! It has lots of decorations on it. But is it missing something? It has no presents. So is it still a Christmas tree?

Why do we want presents under the tree? How does it make us feel?

Encourage a range of responses.

Have you ever wished for a present? Isn't it wonderful to get what you've been wishing for? It feels absolutely wonderful to get the present you wanted. Is there a better feeling anywhere else? Getting a gift makes you feel really special and cared for.

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Put on a Santa hat. Have you ever given a special present to someone? Have you made them a special gift? Or saved up to buy a special present for someone? What does it feel like when you give them their present? (You may wish to draw from your own experience of gift giving - for example, being so excited about a gift for your mother that you wanted to show it to her before it was even wrapped.)

Encourage a range of responses. Doesn't it feel wonderful? You are making someone else feel special and cared for. Maybe the feeling when we give is the most special feeling.

But this tree has no presents under it. For some children this is what their Christmas will be like. How will that make them feel? Encourage a range of responses.

Explain the Christmas Present Appeal, how it works and what kind of things to give.

Put some gifts around the tree. Doesn't the tree look like a Christmas tree this time? How does it make you feel now?

Dim the hall lights if possible. Switch on the tree lights.

When you switch the lights on your tree this year, when you see presents under your tree, remember you may have lit up someone else's Christmas this year by giving them a gift.

Thank the children and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly today.

Play a Christmas song as the children leave the hall.