



Ten Ways to Share the Heart of *Jesus Is The Gift* this Christmas

For God so loved the world that He gave....

JOHN 3:16 NIV

1. *Give the Gift of Encouragement.* Instead of writing letters to Santa, have children write letters to someone who needs encouragement this Christmas. For example, soldiers, nursing home residents, or hospital patients.
2. *Give the Gift of Hope.* Adopt a needy family in your church or community. Bless them with Christmas presents or a special dinner.
3. *Give the Gift of Joy.* Find simple ways to bring a smile to someone's face during the Christmas season. For example, pay for the car behind you at a drive-through.
4. *Give the Gift of Kindness.* Offer your time or energy to someone in need. Hang lights for an elderly neighbor or wrap presents for an overwhelmed new mom.
5. *Give the Gift of Words.* Speak words of affirmation and affection to your friends and family. Take time to write a special note in your Christmas cards.
6. *Give the Gift of Faith.* Read the Christmas story with your family. Talk about what Christ's birth means for your lives today.
7. *Give the Gift of Peace.* In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, set aside one "silent night" to be at home. Light a fire, curl up with a cup of hot chocolate, and take a few moments to rest.
8. *Give the Gift of Hospitality.* Invite someone to your home who may not have family close by or host an open house for your neighbors.
9. *Give the Gift of Time.* Help nursing home residents write Christmas letters, offer to baby-sit so busy parents can go on a date, or spend a few hours at a shelter.
10. *Give the Gift of Love.* Whatever you do, ask God to help you reflect His heart and share the love that inspired Him to send us the very best gift of all.