

## Open Happiness

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Sunday morning service

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Song in Coca-Cola advert:

When the world is ever changing

Light a candle in the dark

There's a source of inspiration in the air

Let the magic dry your tears and heal your heart

A wonderful dream of love and peace for everyone

Of living our lives in perfect harmony

A wonderful dream of joy and fun for everyone

To celebrate a life where all are free

Taking it back to the message: ***He's the source of inspiration...Let His magic dry your tears and heal your heart.***

### **Why Christmas?**

***John 3:16***

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

The wonderful reality of Joy and fun for everyone – to celebrate a life where all are free.

When the world is ever-changing, HE is a candle in the dark.

HE is the wonderful reality of love and peace for everyone, living our lives in perfect harmony.

SANTA	JESUS
Lives in the North Pole	Lives Everywhere
Rides in a Sleigh	Rides on the Wind and Walks on Water
Comes Once a Year	Is an Ever Present Help
Comes Down your Chimney	Stands at the Door of your Heart & Knocks
Fills your Stockings with Goodies	Supplies all your Needs
You Have to Wait in Line to See Santa	Is as Close as the Mention of His Name
Lets you Sit on his Lap	Holds you in His Hands
Has a Belly like a Bowl of Jelly	Has a Heart of Love
Santa's Helpers makes New Toys	Jesus Makes New Lives
Puts Gifts under your Tree	Jesus Became our Gift and Died on a Tree

### **The Gift of Jesus Christ Himself**

The Gift God offers us is to know Christ.

To know Him as a friend, to have fellowship with Him, to have a relationship with Him, to be known and loved by Christ.

**John 15:15**

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

**The Gift has Great Value**

People just can't see the great value.

When you look into the manger, do you see a King? Do you see the Saviour of the World, do you see the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace? Or do you see the gold, frankincense and myrrh sitting at the side?

Do you want the baby, or the presents?

**The Gift has a PURPOSE**

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