

# CHRISTMAS GIFT OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Helping children celebrate Christmas as Jesus' birthday isn't an easy task since our culture encourages them to "need or want" many things. But reclaiming the Christmas season can be meaningful and enjoyable for children, parents, family and friends alike.

There are many helps available from the Presbytery office (vestevens2@aol.com) or on-line at the Presbytery web site: www.presbyterywnc.org. The most generally helpful is entitled "Christmas and Children." The story "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?" helps children deal with the issue in a whimsical but very easily understood way.

Giving children options about how they can "give birthday presents to Jesus" is one way to help them gain experience in making choices that run counter to popular culture. We have designed a Christmas card that they can customize by coloring and choosing from among five gift possibilities. (See below.) Order as many cards and labels as you think you might use in your congregation. Along with the order we will send ideas and materials to help you develop a program, special event, or emphasis around "Reclaiming Christmas." Note that there are several alternative gifts available for youth and adults as well. If your congregation is going to have an Advent fair, Ginnie can help you with this as well.

FRONT:

## It's Jesus' Birthday!



BACK:

So I bought Him a present for you.

*(Insert purchased label here.)*

Merry Christmas!

*(Signature)*

### LABEL OPTIONS

SUGGESTED PRICE



A 2 x 4 to help rebuild the homes in Western North Carolina ruined by Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

**\$3.00**



A pound of nails to help rebuild the homes in Western North Carolina ruined by Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

**\$1.00**



I helped buy a Mosquito net to keep children in Malawi, Africa from getting sick with malaria.

**\$2.00**



I helped buy a Satellite phone for Joe Dyer, a missionary, going to The Sudan in Africa.

**\$\$ .50**



I helped children in Guatemala have healthy food to eat.

**\$\$ .50**