

CHRISTMAS GIFT OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN TO GIVE

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. 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 four 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.**

FRONT:

It's Jesus' Birthday!



BACK:

**So I bought Him
a present for you.**

(Insert purchased label here.)

Merry Christmas!

(Signature)

**SUGGESTED
PRICE**

LABEL OPTIONS



I helped buy healthy food for children in Guatemala.

\$2.00



I bought a Mosquito net to protect the children of Malawi, Africa from malaria.

\$2.00



I bought plumpy nuts (a highly nutritious food) for children in Malawi, Africa.

\$2.00



I bought school supplies for children in Guatemala.

\$2.00