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**Countdown Video (10 mins after doors open)**

*CG: Countdown Video*

*\* A themed 10-second countdown video is available in the Jingle Jam Media Package.*

**Opening Song Joy to the World – Phil Wickham**

Lead kids and parents in a time of singing. Create energy and incite crowd participation. You can use teen and kid singers on the stage to do motions to the songs and facilitate worship, but you can also go as simple as a CD player with one of your hosts leading. You may want to introduce the motions to the audience at the beginning of the song.

*SFX: “Time to Jingle Jam”*

**Intro/Welcome**

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*CG: Theme Slide (provided)*

*Credible Host enters.*

CREDIBLE HOST

Oh, wow. I can’t tell you how much I have been looking forward to hanging out with all of you. Can you believe it’s almost Christmas? I can’t either. I get so excited this time of year. I mean, yeah, I know it’s hectic, and I know things don’t always go the way we want, but still . . . there’s just something wonderful about this time of year that you can’t describe. Maybe it’s the lights or the music or the people who go out of their way to wish you a “Merry Christmas.” But maybe it’s something even bigger than that. Maybe the reason that something in the air feels awesome is because it’s the time we celebrate the biggest gift in history. I’m not talking about something that fits inside a stocking. I’m talking about something so huge that it’s a gift for every single person here today. In fact, it’s a gift for every single person in history. It’s just that big. We’ve been calling it “The Big Give” this month.

*CG: The Big Give Theme (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Kids, you might have seen this in Large Group the last couple of weeks. But even if it’s the first time you’ve seen this, or heard about it, this will be so memorable. I have been looking forward to this moment for a long, long, time. We’ll all find out what Christmas is really—

*Credible Host sputters and reacts in surprise as the Voiceover begins.*

COMIC HOST (OFFSTAGE)

Ladies and gentlemen and shoppers of all ages. You are hereby on alert to witness the one, the only BIG GIVE!

*SFX: “Parade of the Charioteers* *(from* Ben-Hur)” *by The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra (not provided – download from iTunes)*

*NOTE: This part should be as over-the-top ridiculous as you can possibly get. The more chaos and activity, the better. Make sure everything is themed for Christmas. Turn the sound up and take a little time to let this all happen.*

*As the voiceover plays, the music begins and doors swing open at the back of the house. Lights shift. Two kids dressed in Christmas jammies, holding baskets full of tinsel (or red and green confetti), lead the processional march by throwing the pieces in the path and audience surrounding the path. Two people hold a giant homemade sign as they walk that reads “The BIG GIVE brought to you by [your comic host’s name].” After they get about halfway down the aisle, the next group begins—BMX bikers or skateboarders also dressed in Christmas costumes come rolling down the aisle.*

*Two more people walk with another homemade sign: He’ll be here in a minute! Jugglers with Christmas ornaments walk down the aisle next. Dancers with ribbons on sticks follow the jugglers. Two more people walk with another homemade sign: Almost there! Kids with baskets of candy enter and throw pieces into the audience.*

*Finally! Comic Host enters. He is dressed as if a Christmas parade collided with a game show. If he has lights on his costume, it’s a bonus. His assistants follow him, carrying a very large box that is wrapped as a magnificent Christmas gift. Comic Host waves and greets everyone as he grandly parades to the stage. The helpers wait in front of the raised stage, holding the box.*

CREDIBLE HOST

Okay. Okay. Okay. That’s enough. Cut the music. Can we just. Can we just stop?

COMIC HOST

Stop? We’re just getting started! This is the big give! Am I right? *(Get audience response.)*

CREDIBLE HOST

We were just talking about the Big Give before you and the circus interrupted us.

COMIC HOST

Yeah, sorry I was late. But do you know how bad traffic gets when you’re trying to cross the highway with jugglers, dancers, and bikers?

CREDIBLE HOST

I think I speak for everyone in here when I say, “Why?!”

COMIC HOST

Oh, [Credible Host’s name]. This is the best day of your life.

CREDIBLE HOST

I sure hope not.

COMIC HOST

Just wait. It gets better. [Credible Host’s name], this . . . this is for you.

*Comic Host indicates the box and the handlers twirl it around.*

CREDIBLE HOST

This?

COMIC HOST

This is the big give!

CREDIBLE HOST

Uh, look, I’m flattered. And I appreciate it. I can’t wait to open it, but this isn’t the big give.

COMIC HOST

Doesn’t get much bigger.

CREDIBLE HOST

Well, it really does. In fact, we were just talking about—

COMIC HOST

Open it!

CREDIBLE HOST

Well, maybe we should wait until Jingle Jam is over.

COMIC HOST

OPEN IT!

CREDIBLE HOST

Or Christmas or New Year’s or Memorial Day.

COMIC HOST

Who wants to see [Credible Host’s name] open the big give? *(Get audience response.)* See? They can’t wait for the big give.

CREDIBLE HOST

Okay, look, I’ll open it, but this isn’t the “Big Give.” We’re going to tell a story about the greatest gift in history.

COMIC HOST

No need. Just open this and show them.

CREDIBLE HOST

But the big give isn’t about something—

COMIC HOST

OPEN IT!

CREDIBLE HOST

Okay. Okay. Let’s just . . .

*Credible Host opens the present. Inside the very large box is a wrapped tiny box.*

COMIC HOST

Open that one, too!

CREDIBLE HOST

This is your big give?

COMIC HOST

Open it!

CREDIBLE HOST

Okay.

*Credible opens the smaller box and finds the jar of jam labeled “Jingle Jam.”*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

*(reading)* Jingle Jam. Delicious, nutritious, and doesn’t taste like fishes. Made only with free range, organic jingle bells hand-selected and finely grated to preserve the natural vitamins and iron. Not for internal consumption. Not for topical application. Not for children. Not for adults of advanced age. Not for humans. Do not eat. Pairs well with Christmas. Enjoy Jingle Jam!

Um...thank you?

COMIC HOST

I knew you’d love it!

CREDIBLE HOST

Yeah. It’s my favorite Christmas present that I’ve received in the last 20 minutes.

COMIC HOST

I knew it! Ladies and gentlemen, I give you all . . . the BIG GIVE! Thank you. Thank you. *(Bow for your great feat then turn to helpers who carried the box.)* Okay, you guys are done. You can go. It’s over. Yeah, shows over. Merry Christmas.

*The helpers exit.*

COMIC HOST

And I guess we’re all done here, too. You can all go now. Merry Christmas! Thanks for coming to watch the big give!

CREDIBLE HOST

[Comic Host’s name]! It’s not over.

COMIC HOST

Well, I thought you’d like to enjoy that Jingle Jam privately, but if you insist, we can get you a spoon. Oh, don’t eat it.

CREDIBLE HOST

I won’t, but this isn’t the big give.

COMIC HOST

I don’t see how it gets any bigger.

CREDIBLE HOST

Yeah. Um, this is . . . great—

COMIC HOST

Grated. By hand.

CREDIBLE HOST

Yeah, we read the label. But the real big give is even bigger. It involves everyone.

COMIC HOST

Ohhhhh! I see.

CREDIBLE HOST

Oh, good.

COMIC HOST

You want to include everyone because you think I only got you a gift. You’re feeling a little guilty because this stuff is soooo good. But don’t eat it.

CREDIBLE HOST

I won’t. And I’m not feeling guilty. I’m just trying to say that the big give is about something huge.

COMIC HOST

I got you. Well, it’s a good thing I’ve got a plan B. Everyone, sit back down. We’re not leaving yet. [Credible Host’s name] is feeling guilty.

CREDIBLE HOST

I’m not feeling guilty. I just think you’re really off target here.

COMIC HOST

What a wonderful choice of words.

CREDIBLE HOST

Wait. What?

COMIC HOST

Can I have the Fa-la-la-la Launcher?

CREDIBLE HOST

The fa-la-la-la what-cher?

*The same stagehands who carried the box bring out the fa-la-la-la launcher.*

*For this, you can build your own trebuchet (*[*https://bit.ly/3B0V4DH*](https://bit.ly/3B0V4DH)*).*

*Slingshot*

**Interactive #1**

**Wreath Ringers**

*Comic Host gets three contestants up to play a game of launching ornaments through wreaths held up by the audience. You will need some plastic Christmas ornaments (all hooks removed) that can be launched with your fa-la-la-la launcher. Make sure you have at least three ornaments for each contestant (you can add more if want). Stagehands should be prepared to collect them after they are launched. First place gets an ugly Christmas sweater as a prize. Second and third place receive “ugly sweater kits” consisting of a ball of yarn.*

*Stagehands bring out three Christmas wreaths*

*Ornaments Labeled K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th*

*1 Person Each Grade K – 6*

COMIC HOST

Now it’s your turn. It’s time to play “Wreath Ringers.”

*CG: Wreath Ringers (provided)*

COMIC HOST

I need seven volunteers to help me, and I think one from each grade to do some more big giving. Who wants to play?

*Comic Host picks Seven volunteers and brings them on stage.*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

You will each have sixty seconds to try and launch your ornaments through the Christmas wreaths that we’ll give audience members to hold over their heads. The contestant who gets the most ornaments through their wreath by using the fa-la-la-la launcher will win an amazing prize. So first, let’s get those wreaths out amongst the people.

*Stagehands hand out the wreaths. Roughly try to divide your audience into three segments that can cheer for their assigned volunteer.*

*Comic Host can use this time (off mic) to instruct the volunteers on how your specific launcher should be used.*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

Cheer for your grade! Who do you want to win?

*Introduce each volunteer and assign a section and wreath for each one.*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

We’re going to let each contestant take turns to launch their ornaments into their wreath. Each contestant will have sixty seconds. We’ll keep track of how many ornaments you get through your wreath. Take careful aim and launch!

*CG: Countdown Video*

*\* A themed 60-second countdown video is available in the Jingle Jam Media Package. If you chose not to utilize the Media Package you can select a countdown of your own to use.*

*Each volunteer takes a turn. Comic Host comments, cheers, and leads the contestants. Keep the game moving quickly. In case of a tie, have a quick shoot-out until you get a winner.*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

And we have a winner! Let’s see what prize you have earned. It’s an ugly Christmas sweater! Oh, that is going to look great hidden in a box for 11 months of the year. And what do we have for our runners up? You get make-your-own ugly sweater kits. You will have your work cut out for you over the next 11 months. I can’t wait to see your results next year at Jingle Jam. Let’s hear it for our contestants!

*Volunteers return to their seats, Stagehands collect wreaths and ornaments, and Comic Host exits.*

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*CG: Theme Slide (provided)*

**Interactive #2**

**Fix the Supply Chain**

*Prior to the start of Jingle Jam, place one link of a red and green paper chain under every chair in the audience. Also place one roll of tape at varying intervals—one per row or to every ten chairs or so. During the game, the audience will be split in two or three sections (whatever suits your seating). Each section will compete to be the first to complete and hold up a continuous paper chain that snakes back and forth between/across the rows. Audience members will have to huddle and share tape in whatever way they can to do this quickly.*

*Also, during this game, ask your senior pastor (or someone else everyone recognizes) to “fix inflation” by trying to deflate a large Christmas inflatable on stage while the chains are created. (Think inflated Christmas tree or several Christmas ornament beach balls.) The chain-making teams are not only competing against each other, but trying to finish before all the air is out of the inflatable. You’ll want to time this in advance to know about how long it will take to get the air out (shoot for under two minutes). You could also have them take a spike to the inflatable at the end to get the air out fast.*

*Credible Host enters with a box of additional decorations for the tree, the tree skirt, and characters from the nativity scene.*

CREDIBLE HOST

I know the games are fun and the prizes are . . . something else, but I need to take a minute to finish up the tree. You see, I want to help us all focus on the real “big give.” I’ve got this tree skirt that goes around the bottom of the tree and makes a great place for all the presents to pile up. And at our house we always put something else right under the tree. So, if you’ll pardon me a second, I’ll just fix this . . .

*Credible Host puts the tree skirt in place. Comic Host comes in and watches him crawl under the tree. Comic Host is holding some gifts and his phone or tablet.*

COMIC HOST

You know, that doesn’t look like anything anyone wants to find under their tree on Christmas morning.

CREDIBLE HOST

[Comic Host’s name]! You could help instead of criticize.

COMIC HOST

I’ve been helping you all day! Aren’t you tired yet? I’ve already given out more presents than you, and I’m not crawling around on the floor like a toddler. This is an important event. You should have a little pride in your appearance.

CREDIBLE HOST

Like you?

COMIC HOST

Well, now that you mention it.

CREDIBLE HOST

This is important. We just need to get the tree finished. *(checking decoration box)* Where’s the chain I asked you to bring?

COMIC HOST

The what?

CREDIBLE HOST

The paper chain. For the tree.

COMIC HOST

Ooooooo. The paper chain.

CREDIBLE HOST

You forgot it, didn’t you?

COMIC HOST

No. No, no, no. I ordered that months ago!

CRECIBLE HOST

So where is it?

COMIC HOST

Hasn’t come in yet.

CREDIBLE HOST

But a paper chain is just construction paper and tape.

COMIC HOST

Exactly. It’s not my fault it’s not here. It’s the supply chain!

CREDIBLE HOST

The supply chain?

COMIC HOST

We all know the supply chain is broken! Everything everyone has ordered is AWOL. Missing. Late! *(to audience)* You’ve all ordered stuff that hasn’t show up yet, right? *(to Credible Host)* See? It’s not just me. The supply chain is about to ruin gift giving this Christmas. But I’ve got a way to fix it!

CREDIBLE HOST

I don’t think this is a good idea.

COMIC HOST

It’s fail proof!

CREDIBLE HOST

That does not fill me with confidence.

COMIC HOST

If you don’t let us do this and Christmas is ruined, it will be your fault.

CREDIBLE HOST

Fine. You’ve got five minutes.

*CG: Fix the Supply Chain (provided)*

COMIC HOST

The supply chain is broken. But each of you is an important link in fixing it and saving Christmas! In fact, I need you to look under your seats, right now, and hold up what you find there.

*Audience members find and hold up their pieces of paper.*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

Aha! As you can see, you all hold the key to rebuilding the supply chain in your very own hands. Also . . . a few of you important engineers out there may have also found a vital tool for attaching the disparate elements of the chain. Sometimes we call it “tape.” Double check and see if you have a roll of tape. Excellent.

Now, we are actually going to make [two/three] supply chains at the same time.

*Explain how you are dividing the audience into sections then pick one adult in each section to be the section leader and give each one a whistle.*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

*(to section leaders)* Your job is to decide when your section’s chain is finished with no breaks and blow this whistle. Everyone, when your chain is finished, lift it high above your heads together so we can all see! Are you all ready? On your marks—Oops, wait a sec. There’s no way we can fix the supply chain and save Christmas gift giving without also fixing one other big problem in our country right now. Can anyone tell me what it is?

*(Take a few answers, probably wrong.)* This is something that also happens to me after Thanksgiving Dinner. Yes, it’s INFLATION. So I’ve invited [Kids Pastor or Coach) to help us with some targeted DEFLATION.

*Invite Kids pastor or Coach to come up. Stagehands bring out the Christmas inflatable(s).*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

While you all fix the supply chain, [Kids pastor’s or coach name] will be deflating this over-sized and festive inflatable. You must not only build your chain the fastest but finish before [pastor’s name] finishes squeezing out all the air and fixes inflation, once and for all. Everyone understand the mission? Nope? Great! Let’s get to our supply-chain-inflation-fixing in three, two, one . . . GO!

*SFX: “12 Days of Christmas” by Relient K (not provided – download from iTunes)*

*Give a play-by-play and offer help during the game. When a section finishes their chain . . .*

COMIC HOST (CONT’D)

Will you look at this! These amazing people right here just fixed the supply chain single-handedly. Or many-handedly. All while [senior pastor’s name] has put a big dent in inflation for us! Yes, good has been done here. You will now each receive a high-quality, hand-striped, miniature cane-shaped confection as your reward, courtesy of the Fa-la-la-la-Launcher.

*Stagehands launch miniature candy canes to the winning section as the finished paper chains are brought up on stage.*

**Live Christmas Story**

*(NOTE: A video version of the Christmas story is available in the Jingle Jam Media Package.)*

*If you opt for the live telling of the Christmas Story, you will need a nativity set that is either pieced together from other representations or a single set with the following pieces featured: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, angel, wisemen, shepherds, and innkeeper. You will also need a “barn” setting that helps frame the entire set. Make sure the size of the set is scaled to fit your event. The pieces should be easily viewed by the audience either directly or on video screens. You will also need a safe and quick way for audience members to access the stage and tree area.*

*Before the event, wrap the characters in Christmas wrapping paper as if they are gifts. Make sure Credible Host understands which characters are in which wrapped gifts.*

*The angel is hanging in the tree.*

*Mary should be wrapped in blue paper.*

*Joseph is in a wooden box.*

*The shepherds are wrapped in dirty rags.*

*Wisemen are in a beautiful, richly-wrapped package.*

*Baby Jesus should be in the smallest package.*

*CG: Theme Slide (provided)*

*Comic Host and Credible Host help position the chains on the tree.*

COMIC HOST

See? I told you I’d bring the chain. I’m calling my representative to tell them to relax, we’ve fixed the supply chain. You Guys sing another song until I get back.

*Comic & Credible Host exits.*

**Worship Set: Here comes Heaven & Silent Night**

*Enters Credible Host*

CREDIBLE HOST

Thank you. Thank all of you! And now that the tree is perfect, I think it’s finally time to talk about the big give. The REAL big give. Finally! We can get to the story we’ve been trying all night long to tell. Let’s see, I can’t pull that whole beautiful tree over here, but I can put this out so we can talk about it.

*Credible Host pulls the basic framework of the barn setting down to center stage.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

It doesn’t look like much, does it? And that’s kind of the point. God did something that we all celebrate at Christmas, but He did it in a way that no one expected. Oh sure, people had talked about what was going to happen for hundreds and hundreds of years. It was going to be a big give. A prophet named Micah knew where the big give would take place.

A prophet named Isaiah told everyone many details of Jesus’ life and death and even included some of the names He would be called—Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Prince of Peace. Did you know that Isaiah even talked about Jesus’ mom, hundreds of years before Jesus was born? There were even prophecies written long ago that told who Jesus’ great-great-great-great-great grandfathers would be.

But even though people were looking for all of these things, almost everyone missed it on the night the big give actually happened. Because God placed the biggest gift the world has ever seen in one of the most overlooked places in the entire world. He used people no one thought were important or special in any way. I guess He wanted us to know that this gift was for everyone. So let’s start with the very first announcement God gave when He was ready to send this gift to the world. Do you know who should appear in this nativity scene first? Who said “Mary?” Oh, you are close! That’s what I would have said, too, but I need some help here.

*Choose someone from the audience. Bring them on stage to get the gift.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Will you come up and help me tell this story? I need you to go over to the tree and look at all the presents wrapped underneath it. Do you think we should open any of those? I think you should reach up and find a wrapped present hanging on the tree. Get that present and bring it over here. *(Pause.)* Thank you! Now you can have a seat, and let’s all see what’s inside. Listen to this.

*As Credible Host opens the gift and pulls out the angel, the sound effect is played.*

*SFX: Scream (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Uh, that wasn’t what I expected, but I guess it’s about right. This is the angel, Gabriel. And when angels show up, people are scared. Gabriel appeared to Mary, a young woman in a small village called Nazareth. When Luke wrote about it, he said Mary was “troubled” by Gabriel’s arrival. I think she may have made a sound like we just heard, but who knows? I’m sure I would have. Gabriel said, “Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus.” *(Luke 1:30-31, NIrV)*

*Place the angel on the roof of the Nativity scene*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

I think you all know who goes here next. Which present do you think we should open now? *(Get audience response.)* Who said the blue one? *(Choose an audience member.)* Can you come up? *(Wait for them to get on stage.)* Now, why did you say the blue one? I’ve noticed that most of the time when we see a figure or painting of Mary, she is wearing blue. So, let’s open her present.

*As Credible Host opens the blue gift, the sound effect plays.*

*SFX: Joseph! (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Oh, yeah, that sounds like what Mary might say. I mean, she was a girl who was just told she would give birth to the Son of God. Of course, she would need some help. God made sure she had a helper, right from the start. You can have a seat, and let’s get someone else up here. *(Choose another volunteer as the second one returns to their seat.)*

Now, we know Mary is usually wearing blue, so that’s the way we found her. How will we find Joseph? Go over and see if you can tell which package might be Joseph.

*If help is needed, get the audience involved to influence the decision.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Ah! You chose the wooden box. Wise. You can have a seat. Let’s all see what’s in this one.

*As Credible Host opens the wooden box and pulls out Joseph, the sound effect plays.*

*SFX: Sawing (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Matthew, one of Jesus’ disciples, wrote that Jesus’ earthly dad, Joseph, was a carpenter. Let’s put Joseph here beside his wife. They make a great couple. They look almost ready for this adventure, don’t they? Almost. But there are a few more folks who are going to join this scene around the big give. Let’s take the angel again, because there are more angels in this story but our nativity set only came with one. This guy is going to do double duty. An angel made an announcement to another group of people. Now these people were completely low class, forgotten guys who were considered unclean most of the time because of the work they do. Can someone come up here and help me find them?

*Choose someone else to help find the shepherds’ present.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Now, this present is pretty tough to find.

*Give some hints as necessary like “Think lower. Maybe look where no one would look for a present.”*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

You got it! Yuck! Bring that awful-looking package over here, then you can have a seat. Let’s take a listen to what is in here.

*As Credible Host unwraps the shepherds, the sound effect plays.*

*SFX: Baaa! (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Yeah, you all knew who this was going to be, didn’t you? Shepherds. The angel announced to the shepherds that the big give was happening RIGHT NOW! TONIGHT! He even told them the address of the place to look for God’s gift. He said to look for a baby wrapped in . . . *(Hold up the dirty rag the shepherds were wrapped in.)* This. Yuck. Doesn’t look like it should be wrapped around a baby, does it? But to the shepherds it meant something. These shepherds watched over sheep that were taken to the temple and sacrificed. They looked for lambs without any spot or blemish. Lambs that were perfect. And when one was born, they wrapped it in a rag so it wouldn’t hurt itself. They knew that the angel told them to look for the baby wrapped up in the same way they wrapped up perfect lambs. Let’s put these guys in place.

*Place the shepherds in the nativity scene.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Now there were some other people involved in this big give, but honestly—

*A door opens at the back of the house. The sound should come from the back either live or with the SFX provided.*

*SFX: We three kings (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Uh, can you shut that door back there? Thank you. Sorry everyone. As I was saying, there were some other people who had heard about the big give—

*A door opens again. Repeat the sound from the back of the audience.*

*SFX: We three kings (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Can you please? Thank you. Someone keeps opening that door. I’m sorry. Anyway, the other guys who were involved in this came from—

*Again, the door opens.*

*SFX: We three kings (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Can you?! Oh. Oh! I get it. Can someone . . . *(Choose a Coach/ Leader.)* Can you go back there and bring another present to the stage?

*Coach/ Leader goes through the door that was opening and brings up a very beautifully and richly wrapped present.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Ah, thank you! I wondered why they were making so much noise. They were excited. Now as I was saying, we don’t know exactly when these guys got there, but it probably wasn’t on the night Jesus was born. Let’s open it up.

*As Credible Host opens the gift, the sound effect plays.*

*SFX: We three kings (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Yeah, yeah, yeah. You guys said that already. The wisemen were very wealthy people from the East, and they read stars like you and I might read a blog. They saw signs in the sky that God was going to give a King to Israel like no other king ever. And they thought it would be great to bring Him gifts. Does anyone know what they brought Him?

*Get audience response. Put the wisemen in place as they tell you the gifts.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Yeah, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were gifts meant for a great king, and the wisemen brought them to a baby born inside a stable and wrapped in rags. I told you this was a big give. But we skipped over a big part of this story, didn’t we. I need a Leader and a kid to help me reach up high and put something else on the roof here.

*Choose a Leader to hold up kid and remove the star from the top of the tree.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

Thank you! We’ll just put this on the roof.

*Fix it to the roof of the nativity or above it. Excuse the Leader and kid to their seats.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

And if you don’t mind, I’d like to put the last and most important piece in place. I know, it might be a little selfish, but this means so much to me. And maybe you can do this at your house when you get home.

*Get the small, plainly wrapped Baby Jesus gift.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

God gave us the big give. His Son, Jesus, left heaven and came to Earth to live as we do. He left the place where He belonged and came to Earth to rescue us. Jesus started as a tiny baby, in a place where no one wants to keep a baby. He was born in a small town known for providing sheep to be sacrificed at the temple. He lived, taught, and did miracles, then He gave His life and rose again so that we would all have a way to live with God forever. I think maybe the angel was talking to all of us when making the announcement to the shepherds in the field.

*CG: Scripture Slide (provided)*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

*(reading from the screen)* “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.”

*Open the gift and silently set Baby Jesus in place.*

CREDIBLE HOST (CONT’D)

And that is the big give. God gave us His Son. He gave Him to you and to me. He gave Him to shepherds. He gave Him to kings. He gave Him to two parents who were joyful and scared and amazed, probably a lot like every parent in here. But this tiny baby changed everything in the world. Let’s pray.

Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us about love and gifts and joy. You gave us life. You gave us joy. You gave us Your own Son. Please help our hearts and minds to focus on the gift of Jesus this season. Amen.

**Wrap**

*Credible Host and Comic Host enter. Comic Host immediately goes to look at the Baby Jesus in the nativity scene.*

COMIC HOST

So that’s the big give?

CREDIBLE HOST

It’s a tiny little model of it.

COMIC HOST

Wow. I did not expect that.

CREDIBLE HOST

Nobody did.

COMIC HOST

Surprise gifts are the greatest, aren’t they?

CREDIBLE HOST

They are. And that’s why I got you this.

*Credible Host presents Comic Host with a*

*wrapped gift.*

COMIC HOST

For me?!

CREDIBLE HOST

Go ahead. Open it.

*Comic Host opens the same jar of jam that he gave Credible Host.*

COMIC HOST

It’s . . . it’s exactly what I gave you. It’s the jar of Jingle Jam. You re-gifted me.

CREDIBLE HOST

Yeah, it was so perfect that I thought you should have it. Oh, don’t eat it.

COMIC HOST

Oh, I won’t.

CREDIBLE HOST

Merry Christmas everyone! & The king is born!

Dismal to Group time.

*CG: Merry Christmas Slide (provided)*

*SFX: Christmas-themed music of your choice (not provided – download from iTunes)*