



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





OVERVIEW

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

5G may be the new technology everybody wants for Christmas, but there are five Gs that should be a part of our Christmas festivities. These five Gs - gratitude, grace, glory, giving, and getting - remind us of the true story of Christmas, how Jesus came to save us from sin!

All scriptures are taken from the NlrV translation of the Bible.





MATERIALS NEEDED

PROPS:

Cell phones

Tables and other fixtures for display

Optional: Signs and other fixtures for the wireless phone store set

SPECIAL COSTUMES:

Jake and Nancy - Should dress like pitch people from cell phone commercials

Scott and Faith - Dressed in winter clothes, maybe one in an ugly Christmas sweater

CHARACTERS

Jake - A commercial pitch man







Diane - A 5G computer voice

Jake's Mom - Voice only

Scott and Faith - Brother and sister

Nancy - A woman who knows all about 5G

Two Narrators



SCENE ONE

A microphone is at center stage. Stage left is set up like a wireless phone store. Stage right is where the kids chorus stands. Jake enters and walks to the microphone at center stage.

JAKE: Hello, is this on? Can you hear me now? Good! Ladies and gentlemen, the 5G Revolution is here. 5G technology is the hot new gift of the season, perfect for every family member on your list. What is 5G? 5G is more than just phone service. 5G connects to everything. It's in the products we wear, like my shoes. Diane, how many steps have I taken today?

DIANE: *(in a computer voice)* You have taken 500 steps.

JAKE: Thank you, Diane.

DIANE: My pleasure.

JAKE: It's in the products we buy, like your bubble gum.

Jake pulls out a pack of gum. He removes a stick.

DIANE: You have two sticks of gum left. Would you like to order a new pack from Amazon?

JAKE: No thanks, Diane.

DIANE: Okay, I will remind you when you have one stick left.

JAKE: Amazing, right? But that's not all. 5G is in every product you use, like your toothbrush.

Jake pulls out his toothbrush.

JAKE: Diane, how long did I brush this morning?

DIANE: You brushed for twenty seconds.

JAKE: See what I mean? Thanks, Di—

DIANE: You need to brush for two minutes.

JAKE: Well, I normally do brush for twenty seconds.

DIANE: Your average brush time is eighteen and a half seconds.

JAKE: Okay, Diane.

DIANE: If you do not brush more, your teeth will fall out.

JAKE: Thank you, Diane!



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DIANE: Per your toothbrush user settings, I have notified your mother.

JAKE: What? No, no, no, please don't tell my mother.

DIANE: You really need to take more steps, too. 500 is not much for this time of day.

JAKE: Diane, cancel!

DIANE: You have an incoming call in your bubble gum pack.

JAKE'S MOM: *(voice)* Hello, Jake? This is your mother! Why aren't you brushing your teeth more?

DIANE: I try to tell him all the time.

JAKE'S MOM: No one's blaming you, Diane. This is all on Jake!

Jake groans and exits.

DIANE: You have left the stage. Would you like me to turn off the stage lights?

JAKE'S MOM: Jake! Didn't I teach you to turn the lights off when you leave a room?

SONG ONE – “Deck the Halls”





SCENE TWO

Faith and Scott enter stage left.

FAITH: Are you sure this is a good idea?

SCOTT: Absolutely! It's a great idea!

FAITH: But we're supposed to be shopping for Mom and Dad.

SCOTT: We are shopping for Mom and Dad. We're just getting a little something for ourselves as well. You know, like you buy a gift card for \$25, you get one for yourself for \$5.

FAITH: But Mom always gives those \$5 cards away, too. And this isn't a gift card to Cracker Barrel.

SCOTT: You're right. This is the 5G revolution. This is our chance to tap into the world of Tik Tok and Pokemon Online and eBay.

Nancy enters.

NANCY: Hello, I'm Nancy. Would you like me to tell you about the 5Gs of Christmas?

SCOTT: I sure would! My sister and I are shopping for our parents, and we want to be part of the 5G Revolution!

NANCY: Well, you have come to the right place. If you want to know about 5G, I will tell you everything.

SCOTT: Awesome!

FAITH: I have a question. Is 5G really something we need?

NANCY: I wouldn't be here if I didn't believe in it.

FAITH: And is it something we should really have ourselves, and not just for our parents?

NANCY: Believe me when I tell you, 5G is for everyone.

SCOTT: See? I told you!

FAITH: Come on, Scott. She's just saying that because she wants to sell more phones.

NANCY: Phones? You don't need phones for 5G.

FAITH: You don't?



SCENE TWO

NANCY: Not at all. 5G is a revolution that changes everything, no matter what devices you have.

SCOTT: Sounds amazing, huh?

FAITH: I guess so.

NANCY: You don't sound convinced. Maybe I should tell you what the 5G's are.

FAITH: Maybe.

SCOTT: Yeah, I'd like to hear about it, too.

NANCY: Not a problem. The 5G's are not a new technology. They're not even tech related.

SCOTT: They're not?

NANCY: They're as old as time itself, and they are the key to living a better life.

SCOTT: Why do I get the feeling we're not talking about phones?

NANCY: The first G is Gratitude. If we have an attitude of gratitude, we will always find a reason to be joyful.

SCOTT: Wait, gratitude is the first G?

NANCY: Sure is. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who came to save us from our sins. Jesus has done so much for me, and whenever I think about His blessings, it fills me with gratitude. Come on. What's something God has done that you're thankful for?

FAITH: Well, I'm grateful I'm back in school and not learning on the computer at home.

NANCY: I hear you. I had to finish college like that. It was miserable.

SCOTT: And I'm grateful I can see my grandparents next week!

NANCY: I hear you! I get to see my Meemaw and Teetaw for Christmas too!

SCOTT: Teetaw?

NANCY: Gratitude reminds us of all the blessings we have, and it's just the first step to having an amazing 5G Christmas.

SCOTT: Teetaw?

FAITH: I'm sold. I can't wait to learn about the other 4G's. How about you, Scott?

SCENE THREE

SCOTT: You have a grandparent named Teetaw?

Scott, Faith, and Nancy exit. The Narrators enter.

NARRATOR 1: (Luke 1:26-49) In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you."

Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. But the angel said to her, "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. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end."

"How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth will have a child even though she is old. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. That's because what God says will always come true."

"I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in Judea's hill country. There she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby inside her jumped. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she called out, "God has blessed you more than other women. And blessed is the child you will have! But why is God so kind to me? Why has the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard the sound of your voice, the baby inside me jumped for joy. You are a woman God has blessed. You have believed that the Lord would keep his promises to you!"

NARRATOR 2: Mary was nervous about becoming the mother of Jesus, but her nervousness soon turned to joy. She was grateful that God was sending the promised Messiah, and she was grateful God had chosen her to be a part of that story.

The Narrators exit.

SONG TWO – "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

SCENE THREE

Faith, Scott, and Nancy enter.

NANCY: Hello, I'm Nancy. Would you like to learn about the 5Gs of Christmas?

FAITH: Yes, Nancy. My brother and I are definitely interested in the 5Gs of Christmas. You already taught us about Gratitude, and I know we're both excited to learn about the second G.

NANCY: Wonderful. The second G is Grace.

FAITH: Grace? You mean like, "God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for our food..."

SCOTT: Or as I like to do it, "Thank you for the meat. Let's eat."

NANCY: That kind of grace is important, but this grace is more about forgiveness.

SCOTT: Ugh! Not that!

NANCY: I'm sorry, did I say something wrong?

SCOTT: I hate forgiving. Someone does something bad, and I have to just forgive them? Tell them it's okay? No thanks!

NANCY: Oh you have no idea how good it can feel to forgive someone.

SCOTT: Good? It feels good to forgive?

FAITH: Of course it does, Scott. Last year, when Abigail and I got into that big fight, I felt so good when we finally made up and forgave each other.

NANCY: I know exactly what you mean. My sister borrowed one of my favorite dresses without asking to go on a date. She and her boyfriend got into a huge food fight in Burger King, and she came home with ketchup all over my dress.

FAITH: Your sister and her boyfriend got into a food fight at Burger King?

SCOTT: And you forgave her for ruining your dress?

NANCY: She's my sister. Of course I did.

SCOTT: But she ruined your outfit. And she didn't ask to borrow it.

NANCY: Guys, I had to forgive her. Christmas is all about how Jesus came to forgive me for my sins. If Jesus can forgive me for everything I've done...

SCOTT: Then I need to forgive other people. Don't I?

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NANCY: Exactly.

SCOTT: I need to borrow a phone. Excuse me.

Scott takes a phone off a display and dials.

SCOTT: Hello, Carter? It's Scott. I'm sorry it took me so long to say this, but... I forgive you for losing my platinum Charizard Pokemon card. We still friends?... Cool. See you in class, bud.

Scott hangs up.

NANCY: You feel better, don't you?

SCOTT: More than I ever thought possible. This 5G Christmas isn't what I expected.

NANCY: It's not?

SCOTT: No. It's way better.

Scott, Nancy, and Faith exit. The Narrators enter.

NARRATOR 1: (Matthew 1:18-24) This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary and Joseph had promised to get married. But before they started to live together, it became clear that she was going to have a baby. She became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph was faithful to the law. But he did not want to put her to shame in public. So he planned to divorce her quietly.

But as Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet, "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." The name Immanuel means "God with us."

Joseph woke up. He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him to do. He took Mary home as his wife. But he did not sleep with her until she gave birth to a son. And Joseph gave him the name Jesus.






NARRATOR 2: Joseph was upset when he heard that Mary was pregnant, so God sent an angel to tell him that Mary was telling the truth. Mary's child was the Son of God, and Joseph showed grace when he married her and became the earthly father of Jesus. It is by grace we have been saved from our sins by Jesus. If we show grace to others, we can show them how much Jesus loves them too!



SCENE THREE

The Narrators exit.

SONG THREE - “The First Noel”



SCENE FOUR

Jake enters and walks to center stage.

JAKE: 5G. What does it mean for you? It means more connectivity and more information. It means real time connections with friends and loved ones and sports streaming in real time. It means staying connected anywhere and everywhere you go. Hey, Diane, did I turn the lights off at home?

DIANE: *(voice)* Yes, you did.

JAKE: Thanks, Diane.

DIANE: You just turned the lights back on.

JAKE: No, I didn't.

DIANE: Yes you did. You just walked in the back door and turned on the lights.

JAKE: Diane, I'm not at home.

DIANE: You're not? That's funny. Someone is home.

JAKE: Diane, I live alone!

DIANE: Someone is taking your television and laptop computer.

JAKE: What?

DIANE: They are taking your coffee maker, which is still half-full.

JAKE: Diane, do something!

DIANE: Okay, I will replace everything they are stealing on Amazon.

JAKE: No, not that!

DIANE: Ordering one television, one laptop computer, one coffee maker.

JAKE: Stop it, Diane!

DIANE: Ordering a new 5G blender, microwave, and toothbrush.

JAKE: They stole my toothbrush?

DIANE: I would. Do you know how expensive it's going to be to replace?



SCENE FOUR



JAKE: Come on Diane! Do something useful!

DIANE: Sending your latest toothbrush statistics to your mother.

JAKE: Call the police!

DIANE: I can't.

JAKE: Why not?

DIANE: I have an incoming call from your mother.

JAKE'S MOM: *(voice)* Jake! Why are you still not brushing your teeth?

Scene goes black.



SCENE FIVE

Scott, Faith, and Nancy enter.

SCOTT: So the first two G's of Christmas are Gratitude and Grace. The story of Jesus reminds us to be grateful for all God has done, and it teaches us to have grace with other people.

NANCY: Sounds like you're catching on. Anyone want to guess what the third G is?

FAITH: That's easy. Goat cheese!

NANCY: Say what?

SCOTT: Of course, goat cheese! You can't have Christmas without goat cheese.

NANCY: I can.

FAITH: That's because you've never had our Uncle Leo's famous cauliflower gratin with goat cheese.

NANCY: Cauliflower and goat cheese?

SCOTT: To be fair, he got the recipe from Bobby Flay on The Today Show, but Uncle Leo makes it every year, and everyone loves it.

FAITH: He's not allowed in the house without it.

SCOTT: I mean sure, I was seven years old before I tried it because I thought, "Eww, goat cheese." But it's really very good.

FAITH: It's more than good. It's glorious!

NANCY: Interesting that you should say that, because the third G of Christmas is actually—

FAITH/SCOTT: Goat cheese!

NANCY: Glory!

SCOTT: As in glorious goat cheese?

NANCY: As in Glory to God in the Highest! Kids, what is Christmas?

FAITH: It's a celebration of the birth of Jesus. It's the occasion when the angels sang, "Glory!"

NANCY: Exactly! God promised to send us a Savior, and He did. Jesus has come to save the world.

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SCOTT: And we do sing a lot of Glory in church at Christmas. It makes sense!

NANCY: I'm sure that goat cheese gratin is pretty glorious, but at Christmas time...

FAITH: All the Glory goes to God.

Faith, Scott, and Nancy exit. The Narrators enter.

NARRATOR 1: (Luke 2:1-20) In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, "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. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"

The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

NARRATOR 2: The angels were the first to sing glory to God, but they would not be the last. The shepherds sang glory. Mary sang glory. Simeon and Anna sang glory when Jesus was brought to the temple, and the wise men sang glory. Let us never let a Christmas go by that we do not sing Glory to God for sending us a Savior.



SCENE FIVE

The Narrators exit.

SONG FOUR – “Angels We Have Heard On High”



SCENE SIX

Faith, Scott, and Nancy enter.

NANCY: Well guys, we've talked about three of the 5G's of Christmas: Gratitude, Grace, and Glory. There are two more to learn, and they go together.

SCOTT: I'm going to take a wild guess and say they're not Goat Cheese and Gratin.

NANCY: As glorious as you made it sound, no. They are not.

FAITH: So what are they?

NANCY: One of them is Giving, and one of them is Getting.

SCOTT: Wow, we should have guessed that one.

FAITH: It's so obvious. I mean here we are because we want to give our parents 5G.

SCOTT: And get it for ourselves.

NANCY: Ah, but in the 5G's of Christmas, giving and getting means more than just picking up a few phones for the family.

FAITH: Should have guessed that too.

SCOTT: I think we can put the pieces together on this one. What's the one thing God gave us on the first Christmas? Jesus.

FAITH: And what's the one thing God wants all of us to get? Jesus!

NANCY: Very nice.

FAITH: And the one thing God wants us to give more than anything is the love of Jesus.

SCOTT: So that other people can get Jesus for themselves!

NANCY: You got it.

SCOTT: That's so cool. It's almost like all the giving and getting we do at Christmas is meant to remind us of how God gave us Jesus.

NANCY: That's exactly why we give and get at Christmas. And as much fun as it is getting 5G phones or 5G tablets or a brand new fishing pole—

FAITH: Fishing pole? Who said anything about a fishing pole?

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NANCY: You have your wish list, I have mine.

FAITH: Fair enough.

SCOTT: Is the fishing pole 5G?

NANCY: Not the one I want. But as much as I hope I get it, and as much as I know I'll enjoy it, that gift isn't near as wonderful as the gift of Jesus.

Scott, Nancy, and Faith exit. The Narrators enter.

NARRATOR 1: (Matthew 2:1-12) Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. This happened while Herod was king of Judea. After Jesus' birth, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard about it, he was very upset. Everyone in Jerusalem was troubled too. So Herod called together all the chief priests of the people. He also called the teachers of the law. He asked them where the Messiah was going to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied. "This is what the prophet has written. He said, 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not the least important among the towns of Judah. A ruler will come out of you. He will rule my people Israel like a shepherd.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the Wise Men. He found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem. He said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report it to me. Then I can go and worship him too."

After the Wise Men had listened to the king, they went on their way. The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh. But God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they returned to their country on a different road.

NARRATOR 2: God gave the first gift: the baby Jesus, our Savior. The Magi brought gifts fit for a king. Every gift we give should remind us of what God has freely given to us. Every gift we receive should remind us that the one gift we need more than any other is the child in the manger.

The Narrators exit.

SONG FIVE – "What Child Is This?"

SCENE SEVEN

Scott, Faith, and Nancy enter.

FAITH: Wow. We came in here looking for phones, but I feel like we've found something way better.

SCOTT: We found the real 5Gs of Christmas. Gratitude, Grace, Glory, Giving, and Getting.

FAITH: Thanks, Nancy, for everything.

NANCY: It's my pleasure, but you can give your gratitude and the glory to God. He's the real rea-son we have the 5Gs.

Jake enters.

JAKE: Hello, I'm Jake. Can I tell you about the 5G Revolution?

SCOTT: That's okay, Jake. We were just talking to Nancy.

FAITH: She told us all about the 5Gs.

JAKE: Nancy? Who is Nancy?

Nancy smiles sheepishly, then RUNS!

FAITH: Hey, where did she go?

JAKE: Who was that?

SCOTT: You mean, she doesn't work here?

JAKE: No. This is my store. And what did she tell you about 5G?

FAITH: She told us everything, all about Gratitude, Grace, Glory, Giving, and Getting.

JAKE: Really? That's what 5G stands for?

SCOTT: Jake, why don't we step into your office? You can sell us a few phones, and we can tell you all about the 5Gs.

JAKE: Okay, sounds like a deal. Diane?

DIANE: *(voice)* Diane here. How can I help?

JAKE: Play a Christmas song to send us out. Something peppy.




SCENE SEVEN



DIANE: Are you sure you don't want me to send your toothbrushing update to your mother?

JAKE: Diane, just play the song.

DIANE: Okay. Sing along, everyone, won't you?



SONG SIX – “Joy to the World”

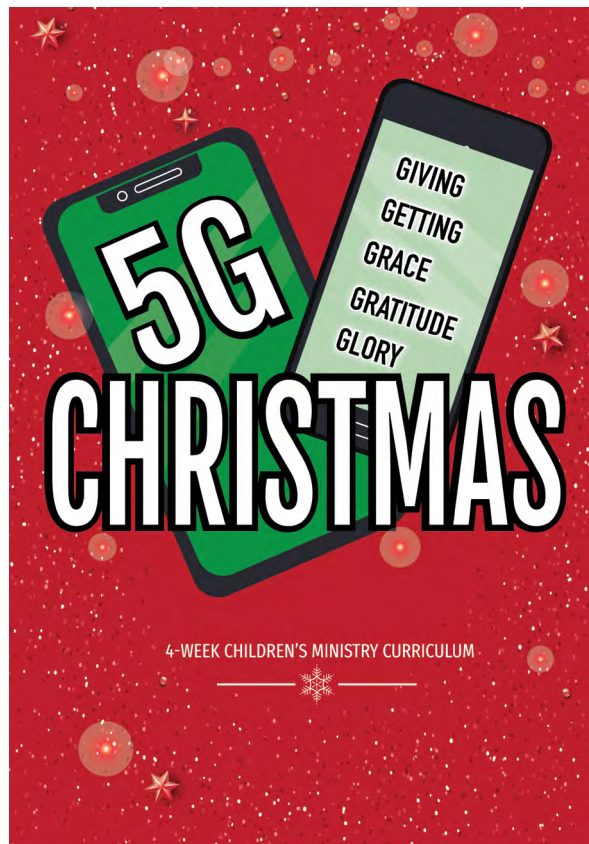


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