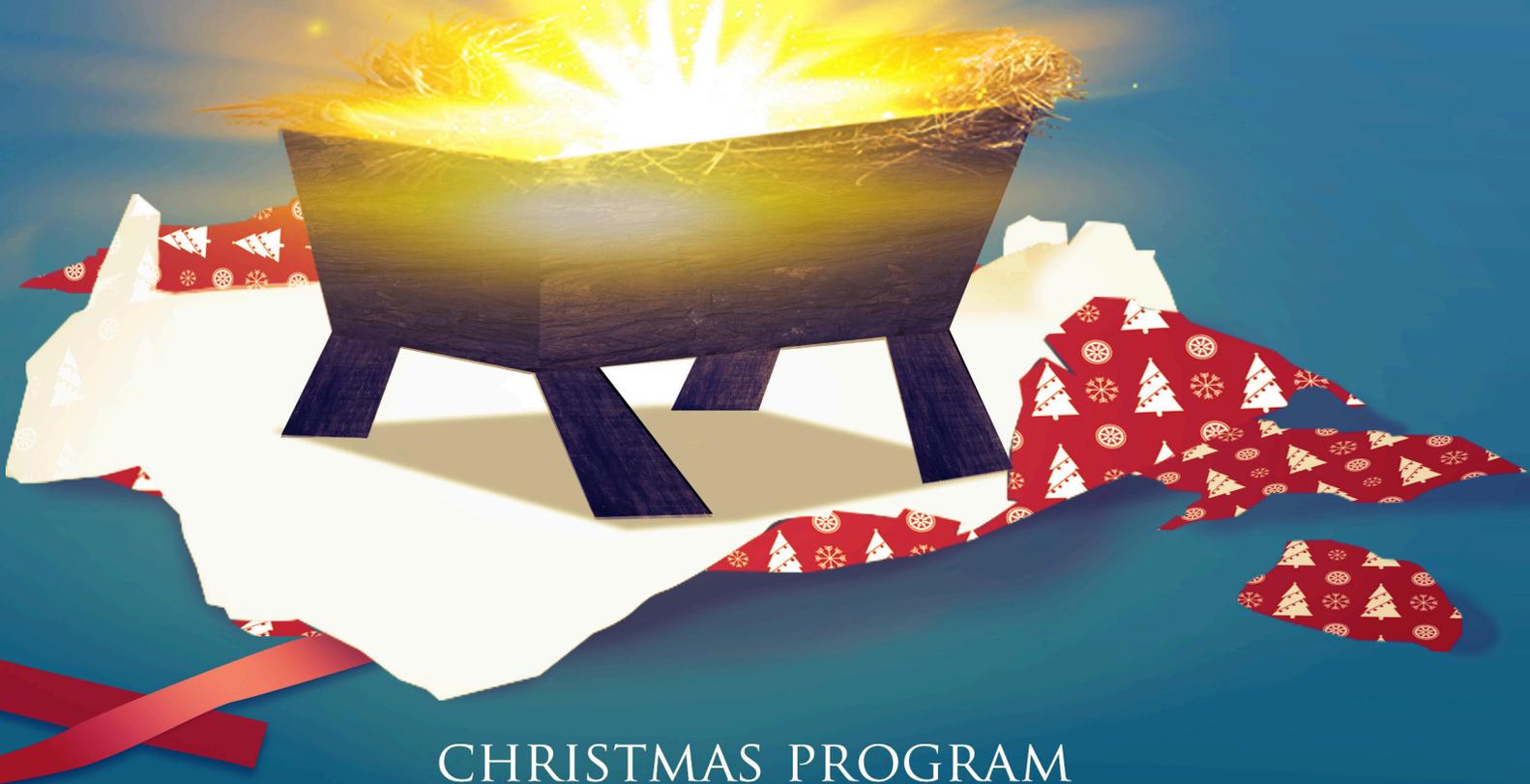


Christmas

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

This Christmas program is based around Isaiah 9:6-7 that teaches us that Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. While many fads and toys have come and gone over the many holidays, Jesus still matters today, tomorrow, and forever because He is all these things!

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



MATERIALS NEEDED

PROPS:

An action figure made to look like Good Man
A giant, cutaway box for the Good Man and Villain set

SPECIAL COSTUMES:

Biblical costumes for Bible characters
A suit for the announcer
Regular clothes for Katie and Fred
Super hero costume for Good Man
A villain costume for Villain Man

CHARACTERS

Announcer - A cheesy commercial spokesperson
Good Man - A good super hero toy
Villain - An evil villain toy
Katie and Fred - Modern day kids
Joseph
An Angel
Mary
The Magi
King Herod
The Shepherds
Isaiah

SCENE ONE

The Announcer enters.

ANNOUNCER: And now, it's another episode in the story of GOOD MAN, a hero so good, so awesome, so amazing, there's only one way to describe him. He's GOOD MAN! GOOD MAN is brought to you by... GOOD MAN TOYS! Good Man is the hero every little boy wants this Christmas. Shop early! Stock up on Good Man and all his good friends now. And don't forget his arch-nemesis, VILLAIN MAN and his evil ARMY OF DOOM! GOOD MAN, available in fine stores and all over eBay now! As our story begins today, Good Man has been purchased by a sweet little grandma who wrapped him in a box for her grandson Jimmy. Unbeknownst to him, but knownst to us, Good Man is not alone inside the package! Yes, evil lurks in the corner of the Amazon box that brought grandma her boxed set of Golden Girls DVDs!

The Announcer exits. Lights up. A giant cutaway of a box is on stage. Villain Man is sitting in the back of the box, upstage from the audience, while Good Man stands down center at the front part of the box.

GOOD MAN: And so the countdown begins! T-minus 23 days until Christmas. I can't wait to see the look on the little boy's face who gets me. Who doesn't love Good Man? I'll tell you who! Nobody! I'm the hottest toy since Tickle Me Elmo. No! Since the White Tiger Zord! No! Since the Cabbage Patch Dolls. Yes, it's going to be a Merry Christmas indeed for the little boy who unwraps me.

VILLAIN MAN: Merry Christmas. Haha, Merry Christmas! That doesn't sound right. What's the phrase I'm looking for? Ah yes. Bah humbug!

GOOD MAN: Villain Man! You rotten, stinking, no good, double-crossing, kidnapping, thieving, horse-rustling—

VILLAIN MAN: Please, please! All these compliments will make me blush, Good Man!

GOOD MAN: What are you doing in here?

VILLAIN MAN: Same as you, do-gooder. I'm waiting for Christmas!

GOOD MAN: Oh no! I'm not going to let you steal this little boy's Christmas! Put 'em up! Let's fight! Right here, right now!

VILLAIN MAN: Steal Christmas? My dear boy, don't you know that little Jimmy asked for both of us?

GOOD MAN: You liar!

VILLAIN MAN: It's true! I saw the list little granny had in her hand. He wants you and me.

SCENE ONE

GOOD MAN: I don't believe you! I won't believe you! What kind of little boy asks for the good guys and the bad guys?

VILLAIN MAN: A normal one?

GOOD MAN: I can't believe this. 23 days inside a box with my arch enemy.

VILLAIN MAN: And you know he's going to stash us side by side in his toy box, right?

GOOD MAN: By the time this is over, I'm going to need some serious counseling.

VILLAIN MAN: Yes. Too bad you don't have access to... the Wonderful Counselor.

GOOD MAN: Who is the Wonderful Counselor? One of your independent consultants in evil?

VILLAIN MAN: On the contrary! The Wonderful Counselor is the one whose birthday people celebrate on Christmas day. He is Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world!

GOOD MAN: He's a counselor?

VILLAIN MAN: He is indeed! Jesus is their Creator and their God. They can go to Him with any challenge, and He will give them wisdom.

GOOD MAN: I need to talk to this guy. Where do I find Him?

VILLAIN MAN: Sorry, Good Man, the Wonderful Counselor can't save you from me!

GOOD MAN: Why not?

VILLAIN MAN: Well, as Academy Award winner Tom Hanks once said, "YOU! ARE! A! TOY!"

GOOD MAN: Oh yeah.

VILLAIN MAN: But isn't it good to know that Jesus will be there for little Jimmy?

GOOD MAN: Yeah, it really is. I just hope he convinces little Jimmy to get rid of you!

Good Man and Villain Man exit.



SCENE TWO

Joseph and the angel enter.

JOSEPH: A man named Joseph, who was of the line of David, was engaged to a woman named Mary. When Mary was found to be with child, she told him the child was going to be the Son of God. Joseph wasn't sure what to do, so God sent an angel to visit Joseph.

ANGEL: 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.

JOSEPH: Just as God was a Wonderful Counselor to Joseph, Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor to us. He is always with us, and we can take any problem to Him.

Joseph and the Angel exit.

SONG 1 - What Child Is This?



SCENE THREE

The Announcer enters.

ANNOUNCER: America has been swept away by GOOD MAN MANIA! He's the hottest toy of the season, the most popular guy in the world, and he is headed to a stocking near you! He is, GOOD MAN!

Katie runs on and grabs the action figure from the Announcer.

KATIE: Yes! I finally have a Good Man figure! I can't believe it!

ANNOUNCER: Pretty exciting, huh, little girl?

KATIE: Yeah, it's exciting. What does he do?

ANNOUNCER: Well, he's Good Man!

KATIE: Okay, he's Good Man. And?

ANNOUNCER: And he's a super hero?

KATIE: How so?

ANNOUNCER: What do you mean how so?

KATIE: Well if he's a super hero, can he fly?

ANNOUNCER: Well... no.

KATIE: Can he shoot laser beams with his eyes?

ANNOUNCER: Not exactly.

KATIE: Does he have super strength?

ANNOUNCER: He's got an above average bench and squat.

KATIE: So does my cousin Jesse the football player, but he only played for a Division II school.

ANNOUNCER: Does your cousin Jesse have an action figure?

KATIE: No.

ANNOUNCER: Well there you go!

KATIE: But I'd rather have his action figure than this do-nothing hero.

SCENE THREE

ANNOUNCER: Do-nothing? Do you know what this action figure can do?

KATIE: Let me guess. He can do a karate chop?

ANNOUNCER: No.

KATIE: A super kick?

ANNOUNCER: No.

KATIE: Swivel arm battle grip?

ANNOUNCER: No.

KATIE: Then why in the world would I want one?

ANNOUNCER: Because he's Good Man! And he's mighty!

KATIE: Mighty what?

ANNOUNCER: Mighty, good?

KATIE: I'll pass, Mr. Commercial Man. Why would I want mighty good when I can have a Mighty God?

ANNOUNCER: Mighty God?

KATIE: That's right! Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, who is called the Mighty God.

ANNOUNCER: So this Mighty God of yours has super powers?

KATIE: He doesn't need them! He created the whole world, including you and me, and He came to Earth to save us from sin.

ANNOUNCER: Wow, heh heh. He does sound mighty indeed!

Katie gives the action figure back to the Announcer.

KATIE: Thanks for the offer. I'm sure Good Man's a good guy, but so is Jesus. And I know I can trust Him because He is the Mighty God.

Katie exits.

ANNOUNCER: Wow, the Mighty God, huh? Wonder if I could make Him into an action figure.

The Announcer exits.

SCENE FOUR

Mary and the angel enter.

MARY: Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph when she was visited by an angel. The angel said to her...

ANGEL: 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.

MARY: How can this happen? That seems impossible.

ANGEL: 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. Nothing is impossible with God!

MARY: Nothing is impossible with God because of his mighty power. Jesus is the Mighty God. We can trust Him to help us with any problem!

Mary and the Angel exit.

SONG 2 - "O Come All Ye Faithful"

SCENE FIVE

The Announcer enters carrying a Good Man action figure.

ANNOUNCER: Howdy, folks! I'm here at the River Falls Mall in Shermer, Illinois, to see what kids are asking for this Christmas – as if I didn't know. Everybody knows that the hottest toy in the history of toys is GOOD MAN! And when the kiddies see the new and improved version of Good Man now available, it will blow their minds.

Fred enters.

ANNOUNCER: Excuse me, little boy.

FRED: I'm not a little boy. I'm a big boy!

ANNOUNCER: What's your name, kid?

FRED: Fred.

ANNOUNCER: Hi Fred! Have you made your Christmas list yet?

FRED: Kinda, yeah.

ANNOUNCER: Well I hope you wrote it down in pencil, because you're going to need an eraser handy.

FRED: Actually, I typed it on my iPad.

ANNOUNCER: Even better! Fred, get ready to behold the greatest Christmas toy ever!

The Announcer shows Fred the action figure.

FRED: *(unimpressed)* Wow. Good Man.

ANNOUNCER: I know, right?

FRED: Sorry. I got Good Man last Christmas. Not interested.

ANNOUNCER: Hold on there, Fred! This is the new and improved Good Man, with 50% more goodness!

FRED: So?

ANNOUNCER: So?? Isn't that exciting? Doesn't that blow your mind?

FRED: Not really, no.

SCENE FIVE

ANNOUNCER: Come on, kid, this is Good Man. Don't you like action figures? Don't you like super heroes?

FRED: I thought I did. That's why I asked for a ton of Good Man toys last Christmas.

ANNOUNCER: Did you get them?

FRED: Sure did.

ANNOUNCER: Best Christmas ever, right?

FRED: Eh, I'm not so sure. I played with them for a week, but then I got bored.

ANNOUNCER: Come on, kid, you're ruining my commercial. Can you at least fake it and tell the world it brought you everlasting joy?

FRED: No. But you know who did give me everlasting joy? The Everlasting Father!

ANNOUNCER: The who?

FRED: You know, Jesus! He's the Everlasting Father. He loves me like my dad, and He's always by my side. He will always be there for me because He's given me eternal life!

ANNOUNCER: No kidding. You're the second kid to come along bragging about this Jesus.

FRED: Well, Christmas is His birthday. Tis the season, you know?

ANNOUNCER: I do now!

FRED: Well, good luck on your toy sale, Mister. I hope you sell a few.

ANNOUNCER: Thanks. Say kid! Do you think this Jesus could be my Everlasting Father?

FRED: Are you kidding? Of course He would! All you gotta do is ask Him!

ANNOUNCER: Really? I think I'll do that. Thanks again!

FRED: You're welcome, and Merry Christmas!

Fred exits.

ANNOUNCER: This Jesus sounds amazing. I wonder how I can find Him.

The Announcer exits.

SCENE SIX

The Magi and Herod enter.

MAGI 1: Some time after the baby was born, Magi traveling from the East came into the land. They went to see the king and asked...

MAGI 2: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

HEROD: Oh no!

Herod runs off, afraid!

MAGI 3: King Herod was terrified. He was the king of the Jews, and he had no newborn son. He was afraid this newborn king was going to steal his throne, and he tried to destroy Him.

MAGI 1: There was nothing Herod could do to stop God's plans. Jesus had not come to take Herod's throne. He already had a throne in Heaven.

MAGI 2: Jesus is the Everlasting Father. He is always there when we need Him, and His kingdom will have no end.

MAGI 3: If we believe in Him, we will have everlasting life.

The Magi exit.

SONG 3 - "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

SCENE SEVEN

The Announcer enters. Good Man and Villain Man are sitting down inside their box.

ANNOUNCER: And now, it's another episode in the story of GOOD MAN, a hero so good, so awesome, so amazing, so... look, okay, I know it's my job to act all excited and try to sell you all on Good Man, but let's face it. As good as Good Man is, he's a toy. An action figure. And he can't save you from your sins. You want my advice this Christmas? You need to receive the gift God gave you on the very first Christmas, JESUS! Who is Jesus, you ask? Why He's the WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, the MIGHTY GOD, the EVERLASTING FATHER, and the—

GOOD MAN: Hey, no spoilers, pal! We'll get to "and the" today.

VILLAIN MAN: Yeah, leave something for us, guy.

ANNOUNCER: Sorry, fellas. Just got carried away. Ahem. As our story begins today, it's Christmas Eve, and after 22 days in a box together, Good Man and his arch-enemy Villain Man have formed an unusual bond.

The Announcer exits.

VILLAIN MAN: So that's my story, Good Man. All it took was a little nudge from my evil college guidance counselor and a bad break up with my evil cheerleader girlfriend, and I found the inspiration I needed to become a super-villain.

GOOD MAN: That's an amazing story, Villain Man! I had no idea there were evil colleges, much less that you went to one.

VILLAIN MAN: I thought about going on to evil graduate school. Maybe get an evil Masters or an evil Doctorate. But after I used my freeze ray on Peggy Lynn, I knew I had to leave school and pursue my dreams of world domination right then and there.

GOOD MAN: Seize the day, right?

VILLAIN MAN: Exactly!

GOOD MAN: Wow. It has been great getting to know the real you these last 22 days. Who would have thought we had so much in common?

VILLAIN MAN: I know! Were you really at Camp Pinewood back in the fifth grade?

GOOD MAN: Yes!

VILLAIN MAN: That's so wild! Just think, had you been in my bunk, you could have become a villain.

SCENE SEVEN

GOOD MAN: And if you were in my bunk, you could have been a good guy!

VILLAIN MAN: I'd have made a lousy hero, but you could have been a great villain.

GOOD MAN: You think so?

VILLAIN: Oh yeah. I can see it.

GOOD MAN: You might make a bad hero, but you're a good friend. It's a shame that starting tomorrow, we have to fight again.

VILLAIN MAN: I know.

GOOD MAN: Hey! Maybe we can convince Jimmy to let us be friends?

VILLAIN MAN: What?

GOOD MAN: We can change your image! Maybe instead of Villain Man, you could be Friend Man?

VILLAIN MAN: Friend Man? Who wants to play with Friend Man?

GOOD MAN: I do! I think you're a swell guy, Friend Man. And you may call me... Prince of Peace!

VILLAIN MAN: What? Oh no, I don't think so.

GOOD MAN: Why can't I be Prince of Peace? It has a nice ring to it.

VILLAIN MAN: Because there's only one Prince of Peace, and His birthday is tomorrow.

GOOD MAN: You mean Jesus? I thought He was the Wonderful Counselor.

VILLAIN MAN: He is the Wonderful Counselor. He's also the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and last but not least...

GOOD MAN: The Prince of Peace? He must be a busy guy.

VILLAIN MAN: He is. But being the Son of God, He can handle it all.

GOOD MAN: I don't envy Him. All those names, all those responsibilities. I get worn out just being Good Man.

VILLAIN MAN: Everyone gets worn out. Life is hard, a never ending series of challenges. But when people trust in Jesus, they can find rest with the Prince of Peace.

SCENE SEVEN

GOOD MAN: That's great news for Jimmy.

VILLAIN MAN: And our Announcer.

GOOD MAN: Too bad there can be no peace between us after tomorrow.

VILLAIN MAN: Let's enjoy it while we can, Good Man. Tomorrow we go back to normal, but tonight, there is Peace on Earth.

GOOD MAN: Merry Christmas, Villain Man.

VILLAIN MAN: Bah humbug!

Good Man and Villain Man exit.

SCENE EIGHT

The shepherds and angel enter.

SHEPHERD 1: On the night Jesus was born, there were shepherds in a nearby field keeping watch over their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel appeared before them!

ANGEL: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy. 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.

SHEPHERD 2: Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared, singing songs of praise!

ANGEL: Glory to God in the Highest! May there be peace on Earth!

SHEPHERD 3: Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Just as the sheep rest peacefully with their shepherds, we can find true rest in Jesus.

The shepherds and angel exit.

SONG 4 - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

SCENE NINE

The Announcer enters.

ANNOUNCER: Thanks for coming tonight, folks. We hope you enjoyed the show, and we hope all of you will wake up Christmas morning to find Good Man under your Christmas tree.

Isaiah enters.

ANNOUNCER: And don't forget to collect all of Good Man's pals like Good Girl, Good Dog, Good Llama, and Good Grandpa, along with Villain Man and his army of rogues. And let's not forget all the playsets, vehicles, doodads, thingamabobs, and—

ISAIAH: Ahem.

ANNOUNCER: Umm, yes? Can I help you?

ISAIAH: Do you mind if I make an announcement?

ANNOUNCER: Is it important?

ISAIAH: I should say so.

ANNOUNCER: And you are?

ISAIAH: Isaiah, the prophet.

ANNOUNCER: And this is regarding...

ISAIAH: The greatest gift anyone could ever receive for Christmas.

ANNOUNCER: Well by all means, go ahead!

ISAIAH: Thank you.

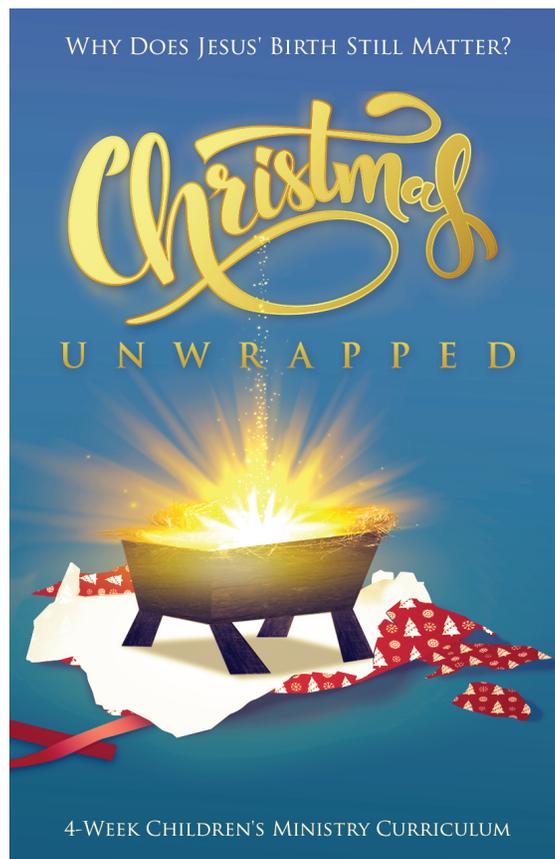
ANNOUNCER: My pleasure.

Isaiah opens a scroll and reads Isaiah 9:2-7. Isaiah rolls up the scroll when he finishes, nods to the Announcer and exits.

ANNOUNCER: Wow. I can't think of a better way to end this. Wait, yes I can. Hit it, kids!

SONG - "Joy to the World"

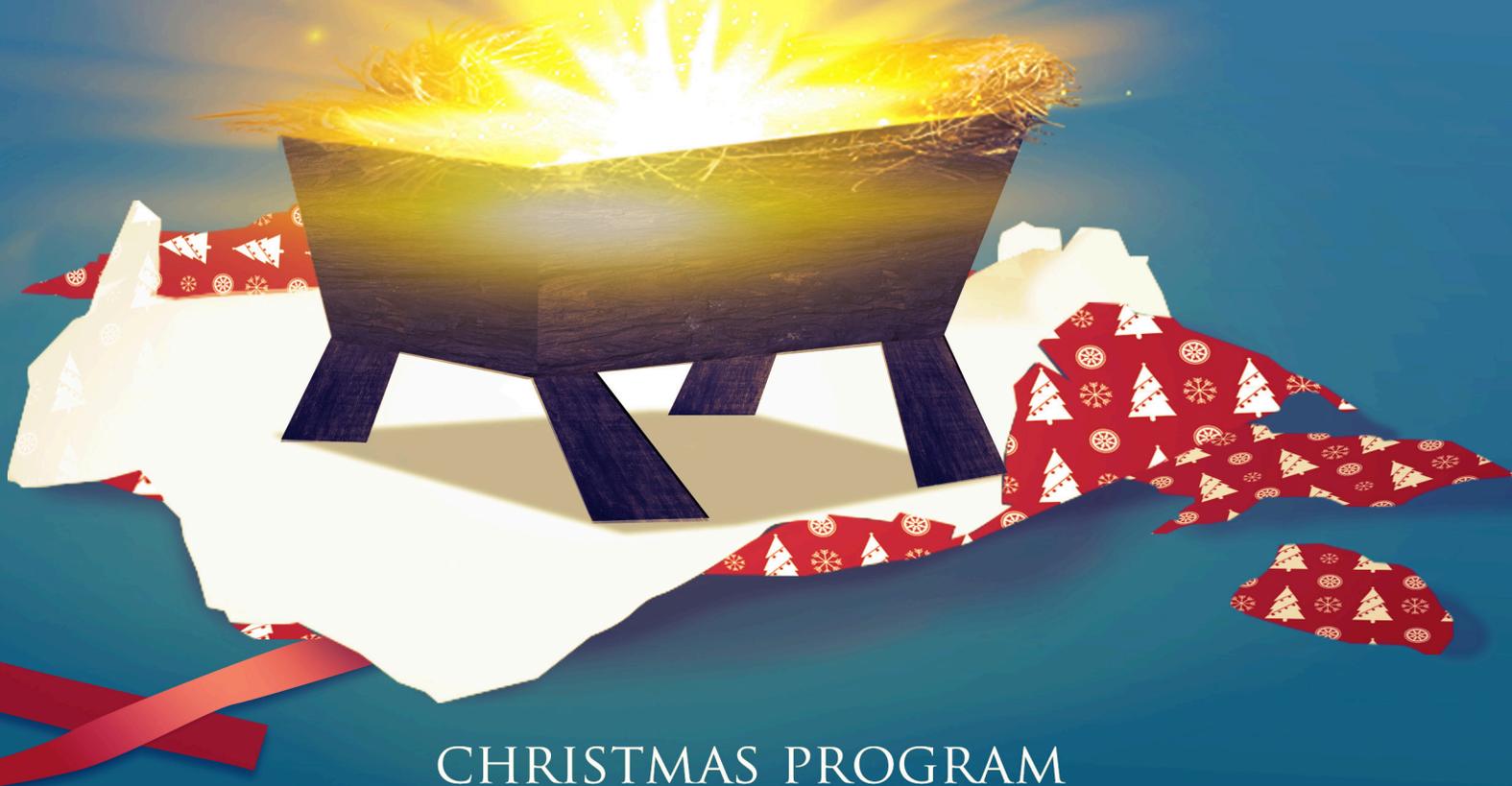
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