

Mission Educators Bulletin

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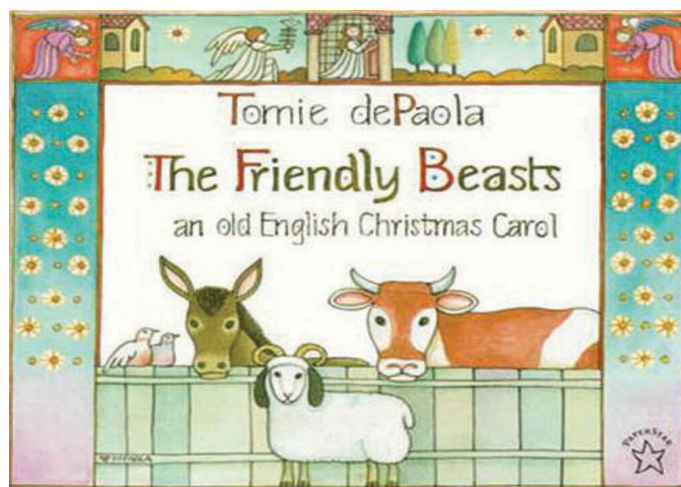
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"Yet What Can I Give Him?"

As we prepare for our time with family and friends around the holidays, many of us can become stressed and even anxious as we search for the perfect gift to wrap and put under the tree. In a theological sense, 'gift' has always been key to the Advent and Christmas stories and we find examples of the word gift many times throughout the Bible. In the story of Christ's birth in the humble manger we hear, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son' (Jn. 3:16). In another example, the offerings the three wise men carried from great distances to baby Jesus, were the beginnings of giving material gifts to which we follow today. I think that when God gifted to us His only Son, the beautiful baby Jesus, that He was seeking complete presence with us in human form. This selfless gift became a child that we could physically touch, embrace, sing to, carry on our backs and in our heart just as Mary and Joseph did. Christ's presence in our lives certainly makes our struggles easier and our joys more blessed. Could we possibly reconsider this Advent that one of our greatest gifts we can give at Christmas, be about sharing our real presence instead of presents? It would sure be a whole lot cheaper and there would be no waiting in long lines to make returns.



Advent and Christmas Sale at the Mission Office-

Come and visit us the month of December for 10% off ALL Fair Trade Arts and Crafts, Jewelry, Coffee, Chocolate, Quilts and more... Please consider shopping small business and Fair Trade for all your gift giving this year!

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M-Th 8:00am-4:00pm

December Dates to Remember:

30th-Advent Begins

1st -World AIDS Day

8th -Immaculate Conception

10th -Human Rights Day

12th -Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

14th- Hanukkah Begins

18th -International Migrants Day

25th -Christmas

26th-Kwanzaa Begins

Jesus our brother kind and good, Was humbly born in a stable rude.
The friendly beasts around him stood., Jesus our brother kind and good.

A brilliant star shone through the night, And filled the world with wondrous light

While friendly beasts stayed by his side, A brilliant star shone through the night.

"I," Said the donkey, all shaggy and brown.

"I carried His mother uphill and down.

I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."

"I," Said the donkey all shaggy and brown.

"I," Said the cow, all white and red.

"I gave Him my manger, for a bed.

I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."

"I," Said the cow, all white and red.

"I," Said the sheep with the curly horn

I gave Him my wool for a blanket warm.

He wore my coat on Christmas morn."

"I," Said the sheep with the curly horn.

"I," Said the dove from the rafters high.

I cooed him to sleep so he wouldn't cry.

We cooed him to sleep my mate and I."

"I," Said the dove from the rafters high.

Bless every beast by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell

Of the gifts they gave Emanuel.

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