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“Can I Shake My Gift?”

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What A little boy is searching for the best gift for Christmas. He shakes various gifts along his journey to see if he can tell what is inside, and each gift accompanies him as he seeks the one true Gift that he needs.

Themes: Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas, Jesus, Gifts

Who Narrator
Will- little boy
Dog- played by a human
Superhero
“Alexa” figure
Nativity- Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus

When Present with nativity

Costumes and Props **Costumes**
Narrator - black attire,
Will - little boy attire, such as a ball cap, t-shirt and shorts,
Dog - Gray or brown sweatshirt with dog ears (purchased or made out of a headband)
Superhero (such as a Spiderman t-shirt with red leggings)
Alexa - "Amazon t-shirt or a plain t-shirt with a big "A" on it made from tape
Nativity characters- Biblical attire

Props
4 Large Cardboard boxes wrapped as presents
*note- just the front of the present could also be displayed
Ball
Cookie
Sound effect- baby crying

Why Luke 2

How

The setting is similar to a "Wizard of Oz" story. Gifts are located at various spots on the stage, so that it appears Will, the boy, is walking along a path in search of the best gift. Each gift may be a piece of cardboard or one face of a cardboard box that is decorated with wrapping paper and a bow. Each character hides behind one of the gifts until discovered. A larger box face or two sections of cardboard may be used in front of the final manger scene. This should be decorated in a way so that it is not as bright and fancy as the other gifts. As the Narrator reads, Will and his friends move along the path. They shake each box, trying to determine what is inside.

Time

Approximately 8 minutes

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Will appears and acts out the actions described by the Narrator. Will has a ball and throws it up in the air once, then skips around the stage, then pulls a cookie out of his pocket and takes a small bite.

Narrator: Once upon a time, in a tiny village in the countryside, lived a little boy named Will. Will was a happy little boy. He loved to play ball...and he loved to climb trees and he loved to eat cookies! Will also really loved Christmas!!! It was his favorite time of the year.

Will: *(can say this with cookie in his mouth)* I love Christmas! It's my favorite time of the year!

Will continues to act—throwing the ball, taking a bite of cookie, running and jumping. If your stage is decorated for Christmas with a tree, have him run to the tree and look at it in wonder, running around it, laughing and playing.

Narrator: This Christmas Eve, Will was excited, just like every Christmas. He was so full of joy that he was about to pop!

Will: It's Christmas! It's Christmas! Whee!!!

Narrator: Will loved presents. He had gotten many different presents through the years, but this year he was wondering...

Will: *(thinking hard)* Hmm...

Narrator: What will be the best present this year?

Will: I wonder what it will be?

Narrator: So, Will started searching for that very special gift that would be the very best present.

Will starts searching.

Narrator: He looked high *(Will looks high)* and he looked low *(Will looks low)*. He looked far *(runs to the back of the stage)* and he looked near *(runs downstage towards audience)*. He looked up *(Will looks up)* and he looked down *(Will looks down)*. He looked everywhere! *(Will runs all around the stage)* Then he came upon a beautiful gift.

Will finds the first gift.

Will: Could this be the best gift? *(looks around)* I think I'll shake it to see if I can tell what it is.

Narrator: So he gave it a shake and then he heard a sound...

Barking from Puppy.

Will: I have to see!
*Will opens present and out jumps **Puppy**.*

Will: It's a puppy! I've always wanted a puppy. What a fantastic gift!

Puppy: Come here. Let me lick you!
*Puppy jumps on **Will**.*

Will: Sit! Roll over!

Puppy: Throw the ball! Throw the ball!

Narrator: Will was so happy! Could this be the best gift?

Puppy: Of course, I'm the best gift!

Will: You are a great gift, but I wonder...could there be another gift that is even better? I think I should keep searching.

Puppy: Can I help you look?

Will: Sure.

Narrator: So Will and the puppy began to search again for the best gift. They sniffed here and there! They wandered around! Then they came upon a beautiful gift.

Will: Could this be the best gift? *(looks around)* I think I'll shake it to see if I can tell what it is.

Narrator: So he gave it a shake and then he heard a sound...

Superhero: *(from inside the box)* Go web. Fly. Up, up and away web!

Will: I have to see!
*Will opens present and out jumps **Superhero***

Will: It's...it's...

Superhero: ...that's right. It's your friendly neighborhood Superhero.

Puppy: *(growls)*

Superhero: Back away my shaggy and smelly friend! *(points wrists at **Puppy**)*

Will: A Superhero toy. Just what I wanted.

Superhero: Not just any toy...a super titan hero action figure, ready to create giant-sized battles with any nearby villain.

Puppy whimpers.

Will: *(touches **Superhero's** hands)* You look great.

Superhero: I have special ball joint articulation for poseability at my shoulders and hips. I'm ready for any web-slinging adventure!

Will: *(very excited)* Cool!

Puppy sniffs him.

Narrator: Will was so happy. Could this be the best gift?

Superhero: There is no gift like me!

Will: You are a great gift, but I wonder...could there be another gift that is even better? I think I should keep searching.

Puppy: I think so too!

Superhero: Watch it pooch! *(to **Will**)* Maybe I should go with you too. You may need my superpowers.

Will: Sure.

Narrator: So, Will and his new friends started searching again for that gift that would be the very best present.

They start searching.

Narrator: They look under things and over things and around things and behind things. Then they came upon a beautiful gift.

Will: Could this be the best gift? *(looks around)* I think I'll shake it to see if I can tell what it is.

Narrator: So, he gave it a shake and then he heard a sound...

Alexa: *(in a monotone voice)* What can I help you with?

Will: I have to see!

*Opens present and out steps **Alexa**.*

Will: Who are you?

Alexa: I'm Alexa...here to help.

Puppy: *(growls)*

Superhero: ...sounds like a villain to me.

Alexa: Here is what I found ... Villain, an evil character in a story who tends to have a negative effect on other characters.

Will: Oh, I've always wanted a personal "Alexa" to help with things.

Puppy: *(ruff)* How could she help? *(to Alexa)* Do you have any pets?

Alexa: No, I don't have any pets. I used to have a few bugs, but they kept getting squashed.

Puppy: *(snarls)*

Superhero: I think I will squash you.

Alexa: Allright...here's what I got. Squash is a ball sport played by two or four ...

Will: You sure know a lot of stuff Alexa! You are special!

Narrator: Will was so happy. Could this be the best gift?

Will: You are a great gift, but I wonder...could there be another gift that is even better? I think I should keep searching.

Puppy: I'm ready.

Superhero: Me too.

Will: Alexa, are you ready?

Alexa: I was born ready. Or at least, very well prepared. Let's do it.

Will: Where should we look next?

Alexa: Interesting question, Will.

Narrator: So Will and all of his friends began searching once again for the best gift. *(they start looking)* They look here and there, far and wide, and just when they are about to give up...they come upon another gift ...a gift that looks a little different.

Will: Hey, look, there's a gift. Do you think it could be the best gift?

Superhero: It doesn't look very special. I look much better than that.

Puppy: It doesn't smell very good around here.

Alexa: This area is not on any of my maps.
Will: Maybe I should shake it to see if I can tell what it is!
Narrator: So he gave it a shake and then he heard a sound...

Baby cries.

Will: I have to see!

Will opens present and with Nativity.

Narrator: Will and his friends were surprised by this gift. It was not what they had expected at all. They sat down and watched and listened and then they understood.

This gift was a baby born over 2000 years ago in a little town called Bethlehem. It came to us in a simple way...it was not in beautiful, ornate wrapping, but in a dirty manger in a little-known town called Bethlehem.

This gift is the Son of God and he came to earth to save us from our sins. He is our Messiah, our Savior, our Lord!

We don't deserve this gift, but God loves us so much that he gave us this very special gift, Jesus.

Will was more excited than ever. He finally realized that he was experiencing the best Christmas present ever...Jesus!

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