

A script from



“What Kind of Gift Giver is God?”

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- What** A fast-paced skit explores several hilarious types of gift givers before launching into the description of the best gift giver there is—the One who knows you better than anyone, knows exactly what you need, and gave the greatest Gift of all. **Themes:** Christmas, Giving, Unconditional Love
- Who** Holly
Belle
Carroll
- When** Present
- Wear
(Props)** Grocery bag
Wrapped gift
Gift bag
Gift bag with a price tag in it
Wrapped box
- Why** James 1:17, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16
- How** This sketch requires the actors to create mini-scenes that may only last a few seconds. Dropping into and out of the scenes and the direct audience address clearly and efficiently is important. Spend time on the build at the end for this sketch to really land powerfully.
- Time** Approximately 6 minutes

Holly, Belle, and Carroll enter and address the audience.

Holly: Often when a gift is given it says more about the giver than it does about the receiver.

Belle: And for the many different gifts we receive, there are just as many different givers.

Carroll: What kind of gift giver are you?

Beat.

Belle: There's the bad wrapper.

Holly: *(giving bag to Carroll)* Merry Christmas. I ran out of newspaper so I just stuffed it in a grocery bag.

Carroll: Uh. Thanks.

Belle: There's the re-gifter.

Carroll: *(gives bag to Belle)* I got you something!

Belle shakes her head.

Holly: There's the sentimental gifter.

Belle: *(hands Carroll a gift)* Go ahead. Open it.

Carroll: It's an old shoe?

Belle: Remember when we were seven and you lost a shoe at the park? I found it!

Carroll: Yeah, wow.

Belle: There's the—

Holly: *(to Carroll; gift in birthday paper)* Happy Birthday!

Carroll: My birthday was two months ago.

Belle: —belated gifter.

Carroll: Don't forget the price tag leaver on-er.

Belle: It was hard to find and very expensive. I had to special order it from Germany.

Holly: This says "clearance three ninety nine".

Belle: Dagnabit!

Holly: The vague gifter.

Belle: *(not sure what to say)* Aw, thanks... Grandma. A Hello Kitty pencil... well... I AM a girl, so...

Carroll: The over gifter.

Belle: I got you a Lexus with a big red bow on it!

Holly: WHAT?!

Carroll: And the under gifter.

Holly: I got you some sandwich bread.

Belle: That's cool.

Holly: The insecure gifter.

Carroll: It's a hat. You probably have a million of them. You can take it back and get what you like.

Belle: I love it.

Carroll: Sorry. I know it's terrible. The receipt is in the box.

Belle: I said I love it. It's much better than the lazy gifter.

Holly: *(to Belle)* I got you a gift card. I didn't even go to the restaurant. I got it at Walmart. It was literally all I could do to grab a handful of these suckers for my friends. I hope you can get dinner at Olive Garden for ten bucks or less.

Belle: Or the hijacker.

Carroll: It's from me too. We went in together.

Holly: There's the dramatic gifter.

Carroll: *(claps her hands)* Okay, Christmas is over. Yay! Is everyone happy with their presents this year?

Belle: Wait! I have...one...last...gift!

Holly and Carroll: Ooooooh!

Belle: Some gifters are researchers.
Holly: I called your office and talked to your boss, who faxed me some wadded up papers he found in your trash. Then I had to call the Library of Congress...

Carroll: Others are more like the obligatory gifters.

Belle: I drew your name so...that's the thing I got you. Take it or leave it. It makes no difference to me.

Holly: Then there's the fascist philanthropist.

Carroll: A donation has been made in your name to the Save the Whales fund.

Belle: What? Have I ever said I—

Carroll: You WILL save the whales!

Belle: I wanted a Keurig!

Holly: And there's the mafioso, strings-attached manipulator.

Belle: *(mafia accent)* I'm gonna give you a gift you can't refuse. I do for you, maybe in the future when I need you, you do for me. Capisce?

Carroll: So many gifts, so many gifters.

Holly: But on this day when we celebrate the greatest gift...

All: What kind of gifter is God?

Beat. Begin slow, end in crescendo.

Belle: He's the "I've known you and watched you bloom", kind of gifter

Carroll: "I made you and formed you in the womb", kind of gifter

Holly: He's the "I know what you want and need" kind of gifter

Carroll: "And all that is found in Me" kind of gifter

All: So celebrate,

Holly: celebrate children of God

All: Rejoice

Belle: in Emmanuel God is with us

Carroll: He's restored the broken and brought us to Him

Belle: He's taken us out of our slavery to sin

Carroll: He's the

All: Wonderful Counselor

Holly: to keep us from danger

All: A Mighty God

Belle: laid soft in the manger

All: Everlasting Father

Holly: who won't fade away

All: The Prince of Peace

Carroll: we celebrate today.

Balloon drop, confetti cannon or flashing lights.

All: Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Belle: to God be our praise.

All: Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Holly: no condemnation this day

All: Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Carroll: Our King we adorn

All: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ Jesus is born!

Transition to a song or blackout.