

Children's message for Bishop's Christmas Offering

(A globe is needed for this children's message.)

Good morning.

This is a special time of the year as we near Christmas. Why is a special time for you? (Wait for responses looking for comment "getting presents.")



Yes, presents let us know that we are loved. But not all the children around the world will receive presents for Christmas. It's not because their parents don't love them, because they do. It's because their parents can't afford to provide for them presents.

(Hold up globe.)

Since we can't give them all presents, we can at least pray for them. We and our parents also can give to a special Christmas offering to help them.

Our gifts can help kids go to summer church camp, help kids go through disasters like floods or earthquakes and help kids that are sick and need a doctor and some medicines.

This special offering will be received on _____ here at the church.

In the meantime, let's put our hands on the world and pray for children everywhere.

God, we thank you for the gifts we receive this Christmas from our relatives and friends.

We also thank you for baby Jesus, the special gift you sent to us the first Christmas.

We pray for all the children of the world this season of the year. Give them peace, good health and happiness as they celebrate the birth of Jesus. Help us to be generous with what we have so we can provide for other children too.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

(If music plays as they exit, play "Jesus Love the Little Children.")