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It was that time of year again when everyone's house lit up the night sky with vibrant colors. All of the little children wrote their list of favorite presents they wanted on Christmas morning.

"Mommy, Daddy, is Santa Clause going to come visit tonight?" Grace asked.

"Yeah, how is he going to get in here? We don't have a chimney," David asked.

"Let's remember...sometimes we might not get exactly what we want. Only God knows what we actually need..." Dad said with a red face.

"...Santa Clause is not real, Grace," Mom said.

"I know Mom. I was just having fun," Grace said.

"Yeah, I don't know how he would be able to fit down the chimney anyway," said David laughing.

"I mean, how big is he...Like a thousand pounds," laughed Grace.

"I know, right. It's kind of weird—a stranger breaking into people's homes to give them presents," David laughed.

"And how fast are his reindeer anyway? And how is he able to give everyone around the world presents if he *was* real?" Grace asked.

"I know who is real and who *can* give everyone a present...and that is Jesus Christ, right Dad?" David said.

"That's right buddy. He is the best gift to the whole world," Dad said.

"Dear God, thank you for sending your son Jesus Christ..."

David interrupted, "...as the bestest most awesome gift to the whole galaxy."

"Yeah, thank you God for the best gift," Grace said.

"I agree," Mom said.

"...Well, we just wanted to say thank you God. Amen...Okay guys, time for bed," Dad said.

Mom and Dad shut off the light and David and Grace went to sleep.

“Pssst...David...are you awake?” whispered Grace.

“No. I’m sleeping and dreaming of my monster truck,” whispered David.

“Oh yeah? Me too. But, I’m dreaming of my doll house...are you going to play dolls with me?” whispered Grace.

“No. I’m going to be too busy driving my monster truck,” whispered David.

Grace shouted, “YOU SAID YOU WOULD PLAY PRETEND WITH ME!”

“Go to sleep!” Mom and Dad yelled.

David and Grace slowly fell asleep.

“David, wake up. It’s morning. Let’s go look at the presents,” Grace said with squinting eyes.

David and Grace walked into the family room and sat next to the presents. Mom and Dad were already sitting down on the sofa.

“Good morning little elves. You look like you just woke up. Did you have sweet dreams?” Mom asked.

Both David and Grace answered, “No.”

“Well, I don’t remember,” Grace said as she rubbed her eyes and yawned.

“Daddy, can we open our presents now?” asked David.

“Yes, but just remember, you might not get exactly what you wanted...but Mommy and Daddy tried our best,” Dad said.

The family opened their presents—starting with the small ones first.

“Okay Dad, now it is time for the big one,” David said.

“Same here,” Grace said.

"I can't wait. I'm going to drive my monster truck everywhere," David said.

"I'm going to build the prettiest doll house ever," Grace said.

David and Grace ripped apart the wrapping paper and to their surprise they found out they did not get what they wanted.

"Dad, what is this? I don't even know what this does," said David.

"It's a drum set," said Dad.

"Mom, what is this? What am I supposed to do with this?" Grace asked.

"It's an ¹**art station**," said Mom.

"We know it's not exactly what you wanted, but Mom and Dad are confident you will like these presents more," Dad said.

"You have so much energy David...and you love to make music. And Grace, you are so creative and are always drawing pictures. Mommy and Daddy do not want you both wasting your energy and talents on things that do not mean anything," Mom said.

David and Grace started to cry. Dad scooped up Grace and held her and Mom scooped up David and held him. They squeezed them tightly and gave them kisses.

"David, you would have ridden the monster truck for a few months and then would have forgotten about it," Mom said.

"Grace, one doll house would not have been enough. You would have wanted a bigger doll house and more of them," Dad said.

"Here, you guys go eat breakfast. Let me put your new toys together," Dad said.

David and Grace had chocolate chip pancakes and orange juice. They didn't look very happy.

"Cheer up little elves. Trust us. You are going to love your gifts," Mom said.

“All done! Come on over and play!” Dad said.

David and Grace dragged their feet across the house with frowns on their faces. When Dad showed David how to play the drums David tried to keep from smiling... and when Mom showed Grace just how big her art kit was, Grace tried to keep herself from laughing. Very soon they forgot that Mom and Dad were even in the room as they played with their new toys.

“Mommy, Daddy, listen to this!” David laughed as he played the drums. “This is the bestest gift ever! I will *never* get bored of this!”

“Mom, Dad, look at this one! It is a picture of all of us on Christmas morning,” Grace laughed as she pointed to the picture she drew.

“Why does David have brown cheeks?” Mom asked.

“That’s chocolate from the pancakes this morning!” Grace laughed.

Mom and Dad looked over at David and he was wiping his face.

“What?” David laughed.

Everyone laughed and had fun the rest of the day.

The End!

What Did We Learn From This Story?

Jesus Christ, the God of the universe, teaches us to be happy with what we have.

²**Romans 6:23** in the Holy Bible says that as long as we believe in Jesus Christ, we have the gift of eternal life. God promises to take care of his children and supply their needs. (³**Matthew 6:26**)

²**Romans 6:23-For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

³ **Matthew 6:26-Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?**

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In this story, Big Brother David and Little Lady Grace may not have gotten what they wanted but they got what they needed. God gives everyone special talents and creative abilities. And He wants you to use them for his glory. Do you want to do special things for God? If you do, please pray to Jesus Christ this simple prayer:

**Dear Jesus Christ,
Thank you for giving me special talents and abilities.
I would like to use them for you.
Will you please show me what they are and how to use them?
Thank you Jesus.
Amen.**



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