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This week's gospel puts gift-giving in its proper perspective. Isn't it true that many times you give gifts just because you are expected to give them?

Jesus says a gift without love is a gift given from your "surplus" (this means it's something you will never miss). It takes away the joy of planning and giving something special.

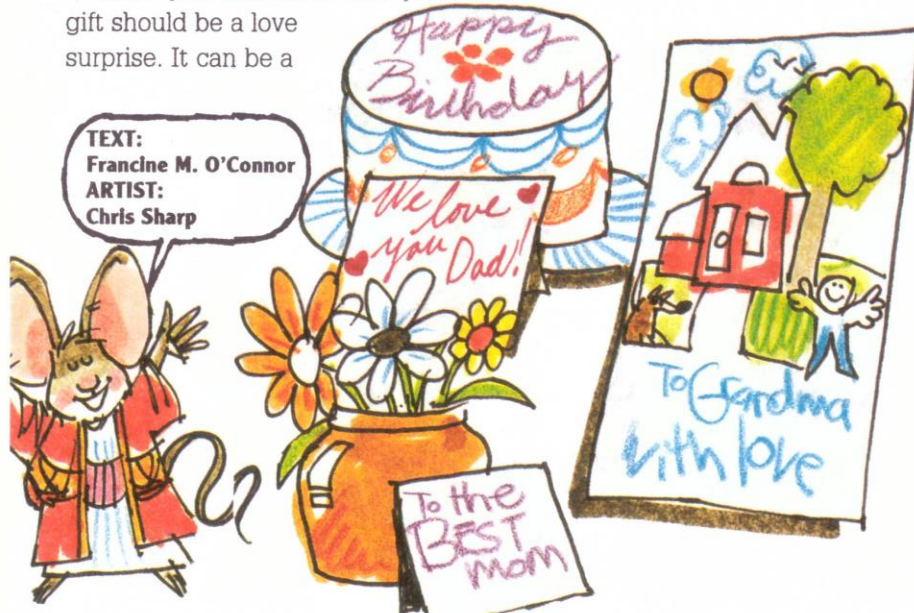
This week, why not give a "just because I love you" gift? It can be a family gift or individual gifts from each member. It will be more special because the gift will be given for no reason other than love.

Your "just because I love you" gift should be a love surprise. It can be a

simple thing like a child's drawing of a picture for Grandma or a difficult thing like a cake the children bake for Dad.

Have the children write a note to go with their gift, telling the person how much they love him or her — and why.

And, as you plan your Christmas gift-giving ideas, remember today's message — the more love you put into a gift, the more special it is going to be!



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Which Gifts Cost Nothing?



There are all kinds of gifts. In the pictures above, there are gifts you can buy, gifts you can make yourself, and gifts you can go out in the yard and pick. Put an X over the gifts you must have money to buy and think about why the others are the better kind.

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The Right Kind of Giving
























In this week's gospel story, a woman put two small coins in the box for the poor. It wasn't very much money, but it was all that she had. Some others gave lots of money. These were very rich people. It made them feel important to give money to the poor. They would never even miss the money that they gave.

Jesus asked his disciples which of the people had given the most. Then he explained to them that the poor woman gave the most because she gave her all. She gave it because she loved God and she loved people. The rich people gave the money to show others how rich and generous they were. Giving should be a way to show love, *never* a way to show off.



To MOM With Love

This is a rebus story. To read it you have to read the pictures as well as the words.

Once there was a little  . She wanted to buy a birthday  for her mother. She went to the  and looked at lots of things. She looked at the  and the  and the  . But she did not have enough  for any of these things. The little  was very sad. On the way home she sat down on a  . All around her  were dancing  . She leaned against an  tree and tried to think. Suddenly she knew just what she would give her  for a  . She filled her arms with  and her  with  and ran to her  . She put the  in a  and fixed the  in a  . It was the very best  that her mother ever got.