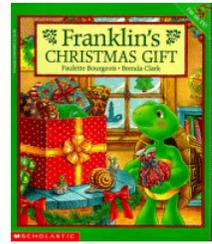




Franklin's Christmas Gift

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This heart warming story is about Franklin's great struggle to give a meaningful gift to the toy drive. Franklin has a hard time separating with a lot of his toys but ends up giving away one of his most special gifts just to make sure someone else will have a great Christmas!

Before:

Introduce the story by telling the children a little bit about the book. Talk about the cover of the book and use the illustration to create questions. A good example questions is, "Franklin is holding a Christmas present. I wonder who the present is for."

During:

While you are reading, take the time to look at pictures and use them to create questions. Talk about the different toys Franklin comes across and the reason why he doesn't want to give them away. Point out any rare words and define them in a way that the children will understand best.

Rare Words in *Franklin's Christmas Gift*

Recorder: a machine used to record sound, pictures, or data; tape recorder.

Donate: give money or goods to a good cause; charity.

Collection: a group of things or people.

Generous: showing a readiness to give more of something, as money or time, than is strictly necessary or expected.

Frown: furrow one's brow in an expression of disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

Dedicate: devote (time, effort, or oneself) to a particular task or purpose.

Insist: demand something forcefully, not accepting refusal.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What did Franklin find when he was looking through his toy box?
- Who received the gifts from the toy drive?
- What did Franklin give as his gift?
- Why did he give away such a special gift? Was it something Mt. Owl said?



Let's Talk About *Franklin's Christmas Gift*

This story is all about giving to those who are less fortunate. Have you ever donated something to a charity? If so, what did you donate? If you had to donate something now, what would you give? Why is it good to donate to others?

Franklin's Christmas Gift

Magic Reindeer Food!

In a small Ziploc bag or baby food container, mix:

- 1/4 cup oatmeal.
- 1/4 cup sugar.
- Sprinkle of red or green sugar crystals (for cake decorating).



Optional: You can cut a circle of cloth or felt a bit larger than the lid. Place over the lid and tie a ribbon around it to decorate. We actually used Kleenex cut in a circle and tied on with wool for the top of our lid and it turned out really nice.

(the amounts don't have to be exact)

If you use a baby food jar, you can layer the ingredients for a "sand art" look like we did in the photo.

Reindeer Poem to Go With Reindeer Food Jar

Sprinkle on the lawn at night
The moon will make it sparkle bright
As Santa's reindeer fly and roam
This will guide them to your home



What's included in the kit



- *Where's The Present* Story
- *Who Makes Christmas Fun?* Poem
- Christmas Clip Cards
- Christmas Alphabet Match (Upper and Lower Case)
- Skating Number Puzzle
- Christmas Word to Picture Match
- Count the Stocking Board
- Christmas Shapes Match
- Number Order Puzzle
- Reindeer to Santa Trace

