

# God's Gifts Christmas Collage

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## Supplies

- Note pads
- Pens
- Poster board
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Any other art supplies you have handy
- **Optional:** camera, Internet connection, retail catalogues



## Instructions

As a family, go through your house and make a list of *all* the things you own. You don't have to do every single room, but be sure to target the things that are most important to your kids (things they have in their rooms, electronics, etc.). You especially want to focus on things that you *could* live without—and remember, most of us have more food in our homes than some people have in their entire communities.

Now the fun begins! It's time to create pictures of the items you have listed. Kids love taking pictures, so if you have a camera and can get the photos printed, let your kids take photographs of the items throughout your house. Alternately, you can help them cut the pictures from catalogues or search for them on the Internet. If all else fails, have your kids *draw* the items on sheets of paper.

Once all the pictures have been collected, take a big sheet of poster board and write "Gifts God Gave Us" in big letters across the top. Then, using any other art supplies you desire, create a collage with all of your pictures.

## Debrief

When the collage is finished, read the story of Christ's birth in Matthew 1:18-24. Discuss the true gift of Christmas. Tie in the collage by explaining that the material things we own are only temporary; our true riches are in heaven. Discuss the following questions:

- Are all of these items gifts from God?
- How can we use them to further His kingdom?
- Can any of the things we have go to those in need?