

CAYMAN CHRISTMAS

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?: A PUPPET SHOW by Auntie V

(Adapted from Maurice Sweetsur)

CHARACTERS

NARRATOR (Man Puppet)

MRS. KNOW IT ALL (Woman Puppet)

MR. DON'T KNOW A LOT (Boy puppet)

MISS REMEMBER WELL (Girl Puppet)

WISE OLD TURTLE (Turtle Puppet)

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Large **Christmas** sign



NARRATOR: Today I'm going to ask the very important question "What is Christmas all about?" But firstly, let me introduce you to my panel of guests. Let's give a big welcome to my first guest, Mrs. Know It All.



MRS. KNOW IT ALL: Thank you for inviting me to your show. I am Mrs. Know It All, so you only have to ask me the question and nobody else because I know everything.



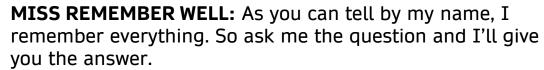
NARRATOR: Well, we'll see about that. However, let me introduce Mr. Don't Know a Lot.



MR. DON'T KNOW A LOT: Don't be fooled by my name, because actually I know heaps and heaps of things. So ask me the question and I'll give the right answer.



NARRATOR: Thank you. Our next guest is Miss Remember Well.





NARRATOR: Thank you, Miss Remember Well. Our final guest is Wise Old Turtle. He'll answer the question too. So, what is Christmas all about? I'm going to save some time because I myself know the answer. Christmas is all about money. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but only because Mary and Joseph had to go there to pay their taxes to Caesar. So that's the answer – **MONEY**! That's why parents are always complaining what an expensive time of year Christmas is with so many presents to buy. But to be fair, I'll ask my guests if they have any other opinions. Mrs. Know It All, do you know what Christmas is all about?



MRS. KNOW IT ALL: I certainly do. It's not about money, you silly old fool. Christmas is all about food. When Jesus was born, He was placed in a manger – which is the cattle's eating trough. So that's why people eat so much at Christmas, like turkey, fruit cake and lots of chocolate. So that's my answer to your question – FOOD!



NARRATOR: Thank you. Now, Mr. Don't Know a Lot, do you know what Christmas is all about?



MR. DON'T KNOW A LOT: Well, it's not about money or food. No, Christmas is all about singing. After Jesus was born, angels appeared to some shepherds and they began to sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all men". So that is the answer – **SINGING!** That is why groups go out carol singing.



NARRATOR: Thank you. That was certainly a very "interesting" answer. Miss Remember Well, do you remember what Christmas is all about?



MISS REMEMBER WELL: I certainly do. You should have asked me first because I remember the answer very well. Christmas is all about presents. After Jesus was born, some wise men brought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. That is why people exchange gifts at Christmas. So the answer is **PRESENTS**!



NARRATOR: Thanks. Lastly, Wise Old Turtle, do you know what Christmas is all about?



WISE OLD TURTLE: Yes, I know the answer but I need someone to help me.

YOU: I'll be your volunteer. What would you like me to do?



WISE OLD TURTLE: Look at the Christmas sign and tell us the fourth and fifth letters.



YOU: (Counting out loud) That's "s" and "t".

WISE OLD TURTLE: Now tell us what the first four letters are.

YOU: (Counting out loud) That's "c", "h", "r", and "i".



WISE OLD TURTLE: Put those letters together and you get "C-H-R-I-S-T" That's the answer to the question: Christmas is all about Christ!

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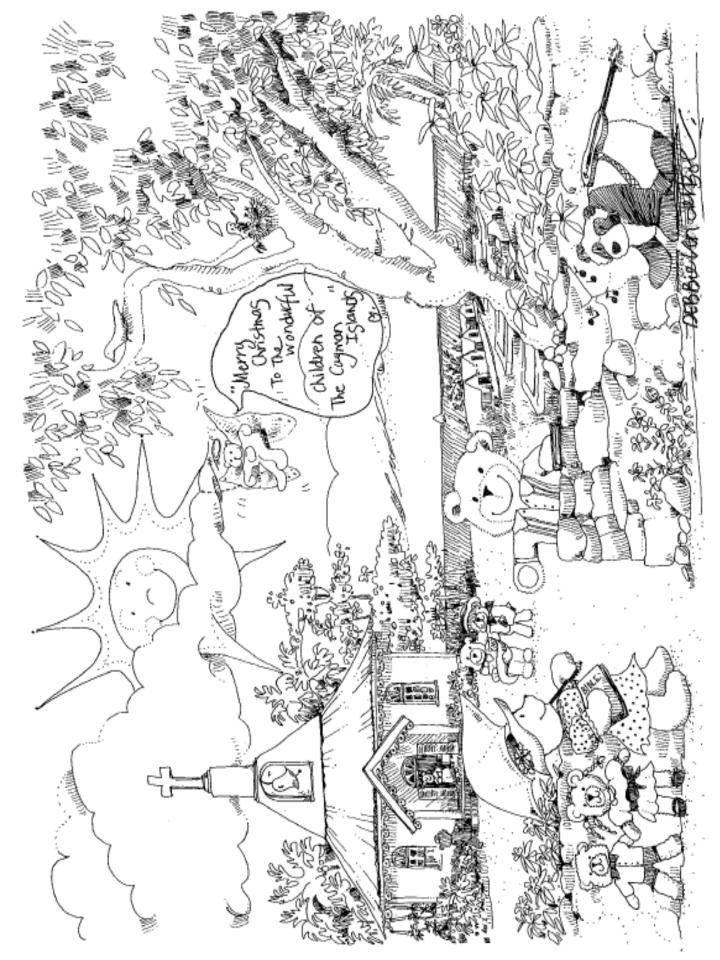
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