

Our all-age talk outlines and prayer gift-tag activity below are ideal for using in services or children's groups in the run-up to Christmas to outline the work of Church Mission Society and to explain how your church will be supporting CMS to share the good news of Jesus around the world.



All-Age Idea 1: Share or Keep?

This all-age talk outline can be used as part of your Christmas services to show how we all can share the good news of Jesus with the world.

You will need

- ▶ Five Christmas gift bags (contents: a cracker, Brussels sprouts, chocolates, a card, a Bible with "Good News!" on it).
- ▶ Optional: a Christmas tree for the prayer activity and a slide or large paper with Matthew 28:19.

Talk outline

1. Game:

- ▶ Invite a volunteer to open each bag and decide whether the item is one they would want to "keep or share" at Christmas.
- ▶ Briefly discuss their choices. End with the bag containing the Bible.

2. Share the message:

- ▶ Christmas is often a time of giving, sharing and receiving. Some gifts (like chocolates) bring joy, while others (like the Bible) bring life-changing good news.
- ▶ Explain how Jesus is the ultimate gift the world needs right now.
- ▶ Share how we can spread this good news: inviting others to church, sending cards, giving gifts, or sharing meals.



3. Link to supporting CMS:

- CMS partners help share Jesus' love globally, often in challenging contexts. Mention any church connection to a CMS mission partner if relevant.
- You could read Manasseh's life-changing story as an example.
- Highlight Matthew 28:19: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

4. Action:

- Explain how the church is supporting CMS this Christmas through prayer and giving.
- Use the prayer gift-tag activity below as a reflective moment. Tags can go on a Christmas tree or be taken home as reminders to pray.

All-Age Idea 2: People who knew "Only Jesus"

The aim of this talk is to highlight how "Only Jesus" transforms lives and how we can share his love today.

You will need

- A container marked "Only Jesus".
- Pieces of paper inside the container with Bible stories of people whose life was changed by an encounter with Jesus (eg Lazarus, the paralysed man, the woman who touched Jesus' cloak, Peter catching fish).
- Optional: a slide or large paper with "Only Jesus".

Talk outline

1. Intro:

- Introduce "Only Jesus" as the theme and encourage the congregation to join in saying it aloud at the appropriate points during the talk.

2. Stories:

- Pull out the pieces of paper one at a time and briefly recount each story, asking: "Who was the answer to their need?" Encourage the congregation to respond: "Only Jesus!"



3. Message:

- Link the Bible stories to today, sharing examples of global and personal situations where “Only Jesus” can bring change.
- Emphasise that God’s transformative work continues through CMS partners, who share Jesus’ love in challenging places.
- You could read Manasseh’s life-changing story as an example.

4. Action:

- Encourage sharing God’s love locally (eg inviting friends to church, acts of kindness) and globally through supporting CMS in prayer and giving.
- Use the prayer gift-tag activity below as a reflective moment to commit to praying for others and sharing the good news.

Christmas Prayer Gift Tag **Activity**

This activity can be used as part of the all-age talks and intercessory prayers or as a prayer station in the church throughout Advent.



How to use:

- Print the template below to allow for one tag per person. Or use other gift tags you may already have to hand.
- Give out the tags and ask people to write or draw a prayer for a situation around the world where only Jesus can step in and bring transformation.
- Please include CMS and the work of our people in mission in your prayers too.
- Add some string or ribbon and add the tags to your Christmas tree as an act of collective prayer.




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