

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

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VIDEOS SHOWN DURING MOVIE AND DINNER

Video Number	Video Name/Description	Notes
VC 7034 40 Min All	Christmas Joy: A Musical Celebration Paraclete Productions, 1998 Christmas is a time for singing. Here is a masterpiece of rich visual imagery, filled with warmth, humor and imagination. Put this presentation on while decorating the tree, wrapping presents, or having a party in class.	Singers are the Gloriam Dei Cantores. Supplement with lyrics included. Words also appear on screen for most songs.
VC 6853 11 Min PI	The Angel's Advent Lesson twenty-third Publications, 1995 Danny is happily making out his Christmas list when his Guardian Angel, Theophane, appears. It is very obvious to Theo that Danny has forgotten the real meaning of Christmas. Together they review practices such as the Advent wreath, reciting daily prayers at home and daily acts of kindness. They discuss what Advent and Christmas really mean. They also discuss the Scripture readings for Advent and the people from these readings.	Publisher suggests video is for grades 2-8. Teacher's guide has background information about Advent, suggested activities, follow-up questions for discussion and additional resources. Comments Subtle way of teaching with an African-American angel.
VC 7059 58 Min 1997 SA	The Visual Bible Visual International and Visual Entertainment, 1997 Distributed by NEST A visual dramatization of Gospel of Matthew starring Richard Kiley as Matthew and Bruce Marchiano as Jesus. Told entirely, word-for-word, in the trusted words of the New International Version of the Bible. Volume 1 covers Chapters 1:1 - 9:1. The audience shares the mystery and wonder of Jesus' birth. The audience witnesses His baptism and temptation in the wilderness, then experiences the compassion and hope of the Sermon on the Mount. Walk with Jesus through Galilee as He call His disciples, performs the first miracles and begins teaching His world-changing message of love and redemption. Chapter/verse citations appear in the lower right hand of the screen as the words are being spoken. The first of four tapes.	Used a 7 minute segment, 1:18-25, 2:1-15, from the birth of Jesus to the visit by the Magi. Video filmed in Holy Land, shows realistic costuming and way they lived during the time of Jesus. Comments Very well done. Could be used with junior high maybe. Wonderful for adults

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<p>VC 6220</p> <p>480 Min Adult</p>	<p>DeSales Series: The Living Gospel Series .Franciscan Communication, 1988</p> <p>This program consists of eight-60 minute sessions on the Gospels. The four tapes are divided into these segments: TAPE 1. Session 1. Introducing the Good News According to Mark Session 2. Learning the Secrets of the Messiah and His Kingdom TAPE 2. Session 3. Presenting the New Testament According to Matthew Session 4. Instructing Our Hearts with Parables TAPE 3. Session 5. Searching for the Meaning of Jesus According to Luke Session 6. The Good News about God's Merciful Love TAPE 4. Session 7. Revealing the Risen Lord According to John Session 8. The Joy of Gospel living</p> <p>Tape 2, Sessions 3 and 4, Presenting the New Testament According to Matthew and Instructing Our Hearts with Parables is used.</p>	<p>Showed a 10 minute segment comparing the Christmas stories in Luke and Matthew.</p> <p>Supplement available.</p> <p>Comments Excellent Lends itself to discussion Not over people's heads Not boring Very informative</p>
<p>VC 6710</p> <p>30 Min I</p>	<p>The King is Born NEST, 1994</p> <p>The story that never grows old comes alive once more in this remarkable animated video which retells the birth of Jesus. Travel with Joseph and Mary as they embark on their long journey to Bethlehem and the birth of the baby Jesus, the Messiah.</p>	<p>Showed a first 10 minutes to get an idea of the video's presentation. Video ends with the return from the Flight into Egypt.</p> <p>Comments Primary – not intermediate – probably 3rd-4th grades</p>
<p>VC 6839</p> <p>15 Min Pre-P</p>	<p>Mary Had a Baby, Amen Liguori Publications, 1995</p> <p>Simon the rhyming mouse tells the delightful story of the birth of Christ. He invites youngsters to travel back in time with him to experience the first Christmas. They will relive all the events of that night - Mary and Joseph finding refuge in a stable, angels and shepherds worshipping the baby Jesus, the three wise men bearing gifts, and the Star of Bethlehem leading the way.</p>	<p>Semi-animated – moving cut outs. Supplement includes preparation, discussion/activities, related resources from Liguori.</p> <p>Comments Group liked for pre-school and lower primary K-1 Liked the rhyming and repetition of “Mary Had a Baby, Amen”</p>

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VC 6503 14 Min PI	Grandma's Ornament twenty-third Publications, 1991 What to do about Amy? She's a clumsy child who spills and trips and bumps into things. And this year, it's her turn to hang the special decoration on the tree. Grandma brings a new ornament every year; and this year's decoration is a prized heirloom, a fragile handmade Christ child resting in a delicate manger. Amy, understandably, is not looking forward to the event. How she overcomes and wins out over her clumsiness makes for a very winning and delightful story.	Supplement includes discussion questions. Comments Excellent Not just PI, but for All More than just Christmas, good lead ins on discussions on labeling, family traditions, sharing. Lots of discussion points
VC 6635 11 Min All	The Giving Tree Barr Media, 1980 As we follow the relationship between a boy and a tree, the tree makes the boy happy by giving all it has. As the boy grows up, he wants different things from the tree. Soon the young man's life takes him farther away from the tree. Finally old age brings the relationship between tree stump and the old man to full circle. What matters most is the beauty of giving - not things - but love.	Comments Excellent Also shown at corporal works of mercy All ages except junior high. May be better to read the book to junior high level
VC 6971 25 Min JSA	Lighting the Way Ecufilm, 1997 This award-winning, multi-cultural video features four young people and their family celebrations of: Kwanzaa; La Posada; Hanukkah; Christmas. Viewers look at the diversity of cultures that call the United States home. Religious, historical, cultural aspects of the holiday are discussed.	

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VC 6502 20 Min Adult	Advent: A Time to Hope twenty-third Publications, 1991 Family activities such as Christmas shopping and card writing reveal a spirituality that can teach us about Advent. We live in a hectic world, and Christmas is a busy time but God calls us from within this world to witness to the presence of Christ. Family life can provide signs and symbols of hope as we wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God.	Kathleen Chesto is the "talking head." Supplement includes orientation, occasions for use, discussion starters, parish family celebrations for Advent and introduction to Advent.
VC 6233 24 Min IJSA	A Good and Perfect Gift: A Christmas Story Teleketics, 1987 Manuelita has been praying for a special gift this Christmas - a Dad to spend Christmas day with her and her mother. The beauty of this heartwarming story is that prayers can lead us to appreciate the gifts of those who enter into our lives.	A nice story that could lead to some good discussion
VC 6984 6 Min Pre-P	The Gift twenty-third Publications, 1995 Once upon a time there was a little bug who heard about the newborn king. He searched and searched until he found him in a manger in Bethlehem. This delightful story is told in rhyming verses and is beautifully illustrated. It is sure to remind young children that the most important gift they can give Jesus at Christmas is love.	Supplement includes the goal, the story, content/value, before viewing, activities/follow-up. Storybook-like drawings and told in storytelling mode. Pictures are cute. Would hold the attention of the younger group.
VC 6916 47 Min All	The Story of Christmas Hemdale Home Video, Inc., 1994 Take an enchanting journey back in time, and witness the miraculous birth of the Christ child, as seen from the perspective of a humorous ox and a feisty donkey. When the evil King Herod schemes, it's up to the resourceful barnyard animals to warn the wise men and save the day.	Listed as for all, but may not appeal to older children.
VC 6918 30 Min All	Red Boots for Christmas Envoy Productions, 1995 Distributed by Vision Video It's nearing Christmas in a small town in Germany. Hans the shoemaker works into the night, purposely shut away from the holiday festivities around him. Alone in his shop, with no family and few friends, Hans has never learned the true meaning of Christmas. While he mocks the townspeople's merry preparations, he is visited by an angel who brings the promise of a very special gift. Hans eagerly awaits the return of this angelic messenger and crafts a gift to give in return--the finest boots ever made. Hans learns the joys of sharing and fellowship while learning the true meaning of Christmas, the ultimate gift, a gift from God.	Excellent video for all ages. Very nicely done.

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<p>VC 6658</p> <p>15 Min P</p>	<p>Jesus Comes Ikonographics, 1993</p> <p>By the way he lived and the words he spoke, Jesus showed us how to live as friends with him and one another. In this video we walk through Advent, Christmas, and Jesus' early life discovering the wonderful joy Christ's birth brings us.</p>	<p>Gaynell Cronin is the "talking head."</p> <p>Supplement gives ideas and prayer services.</p>
<p>VC 6976</p> <p>24 Min PI</p>	<p>The Littlest Angel Family Home Entertainment (Now NEST), 1997</p> <p>When a mischievous little boy enters heaven, he finds a new world of wonder. One day the archangel makes an announcement - God is to have a son. Every angel rushes to find the perfect gift. The little boy, with his tilted halo and untested wings, has no idea what to give until he realizes that the most valuable gift always comes from the heart.</p>	<p>Very well done and beautifully animated.</p>
<p>VC 6850</p> <p>11 Min P</p>	<p>The Best Night of the Year twenty-third Publications, 1995</p> <p>Children will love this imaginative retelling of the story of Jesus' birth and learn from the stable animals that kindness and generosity are very good things indeed. Even on the coldest night of the year, wonderful things can happen - so wonderful in fact that it can become the BEST night of the year.</p>	<p>Storybook-type pictures. Gwen Costello is the storyteller.</p> <p>Publisher is recommending grades 2-6.</p> <p>Supplement includes goal, the story, before the video, follow-up/discussion.</p>
<p>VC 6652</p> <p>22 Min All</p>	<p>Multicultural Christmas Brown-Roa, 1993</p> <p>Christmas is celebrated in different ways throughout the world. One main ingredient that stays the same is family. Five families from different areas of the world share their celebration of the Christmas holidays with us - Norway/Sweden, Native American Indian (Oneida), South Korea, Mexico, and Ethiopia.</p>	<p>Very well done. Could lead into other assignments/research on the cultures discussed in the video.</p>
<p>VC 6531</p> <p>40 Min All</p>	<p>Christmas Across America Bridgestone Group, 1991</p> <p>From the excitement of New York City, to a tiny church in historic Genoa, Nevada; from the tireless work of the Salvation Army, to the silent splendor of candlelit luminaries in Arizona and new Mexico; and from winter carolers in New England and Colorado, this video truly grasps the music and spirit of Christmas across America.</p>	<p>Nice photography and music.</p>