A GIFT FOR BABY JESUS

Message: What better gift than to sing his praises?

Scripture: Psalm 68:32 "O sing praises unto the Lord" (KJV)



Today's story is about a bird named Myra. When Myra found out that the baby Jesus was born, she wanted very much to give him a gift. She had heard that the Wise Men brought Jesus gifts. They brought gold and expensive spices. But Myra didn't have any gold or expensive spices. So Myra went to her friend, the cow and said, "Are you going to give the baby Jesus a gift?"

The cow said, "Yes, I'm going to give him some of my milk to drink."

Myra said, "But I don't have any milk to give."

So she went to her friend, the lamb and said, "Are you going to give the baby Jesus a gift?"

The lamb said, "Yes, I'm going to give him some of my wool to make a warm blanket."

Myra looked at her feathers and said, "But I don't have any wool to give."

Then Myra went to her friend, the donkey and said, "Are you going to give the baby Jesus a gift?"

The donkey said, "Yes, I'm going to give him a ride on my back. He'll enjoy that."

Myra said, "I'm too small to give the baby Jesus a ride on my back. I guess I just don't have anything I can give to him" Myra was so sad she went off by herself and cried.

A wise old owl heard her crying and flew over to see what was wrong. Myra told him, "All my friends are giving the baby Jesus a gift, but I don't have anything to give. I don't have any milk to give him. I don't have any wool to give him, and I don't have a strong back for him to ride on."

The owl answered, "Maybe you don't have any milk or any wool. Maybe you don't have a strong back for him to ride on, but when you sing, it's the most beautiful sound in all the forest. What better gift to give Jesus than to sing his praises?"

So Myra wiped away her tears and lifted her voice and began to sing. You could hear her song echo throughout the whole forest. And to this day Myra has never stopped singing praises to the Lord.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your son, Jesus. Help us to sing his praises every day for the rest of our lives. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Song: "I Sing Praises"

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