## The Christmas Story - Reading the Bible with Youth, Week 1

Jack, Veronica, Milo, and Lucy were all excited about Christmas. They stayed up until 3:23am on Christmas morning, but eventually fell asleep: Jack and Lucy on the couch, Veronica in an armchair, and Milo on the floor. When they woke up the next morning, they were in their beds. They crept downstairs and counted the presents: 37 presents for their whole family. They woke up their parents, who went to get coffee while the kids dumped out their stockings. Each kid got 18 pieces of candy, wrapped in foil and shaped like gold bells and silver stars. And they all got what they were hoping for the most: Jack got a slime-making kit, Veronica got a new bicycle, Milo got a huge teddy bear, and Lucy got three new jigsaw puzzles. All the kids played with one another's toys, and they did this pretty nicely. But at one point, Milo hid some of Lucy's puzzle pieces, and as a consequence, Milo's mom took away his bear for an hour. But generally, the day was really wonderful. Later, their grandmother came over, and they enjoyed a dinner with three different kinds of potatoes and they were able to have two pieces of cake apiece for dessert. It was a wonderful Christmas day.

