



BJORN Wants to Be an ANGEL

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(Based on a true story)

This story happened in the USA.

Bjorn looked around at all the big cardboard boxes in his new home. His family had just moved from Argentina to the United States.

It was scary to move so far away. Everything was unfamiliar. But he knew that if he was with his family, everything would be OK.

As Bjorn helped his family unpack, Mami picked up a big box and smiled.

"This one has our Christmas ornaments in it!" she said.

Bjorn smiled. He loved Christmas and was excited to celebrate it with his family. He was still nervous about living in a new place, but knowing that it was almost Christmas cheered him up.

A few days later, Bjorn's family sat down together for a home evening lesson about Christmas.

Papi explained that it is a season for giving gifts.

"Yay! Presents!" Bjorn said.

"Yes, getting presents is

fun," Mami said. "But it's even more important to give gifts to the Savior."

"How do we give presents to Jesus?" asked Bjorn.

"When we serve others like Jesus did, it makes Him happy," said Mami.

The next morning Bjorn heard a knock at the front door. He jumped out of bed and ran to see who it was. But when Papi and Mami opened the door, nobody was there. Instead, Mami picked up a small, shiny gift from the doorstep.

"Where did it come from?" Bjorn asked.

"I'm not sure," Mami said. "Maybe an angel!"

Bjorn's eyes got wide. "Like an angel from heaven?"

Papi smiled. "No. Sometimes we call people angels when they do kind things for us. It's like they are Heavenly Father's helpers here on earth."

Bjorn jumped in the air. "I want to be an angel too! I want to do kind things for others. That will be my Christmas gift to Jesus."

"Great idea!" Papi said. "Jesus will love your gift."

For the rest of the week, Bjorn woke up every morning to find a new gift on the doorstep. He felt so loved when the angels left gifts for his family. He wanted to show his family that he loved them too.

So Bjorn got to work. He secretly prepared gifts for his parents and siblings. He shined Papi's shoes while he was at work and drew a heart for Mami. Then he wrapped one of his favorite toy cars for his brother. He got bubble gum for his sister.



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Carefully, Bjorn wrote the names on each present and placed them under the Christmas tree. He couldn't wait to see their happy faces! He felt warm inside just thinking about it.

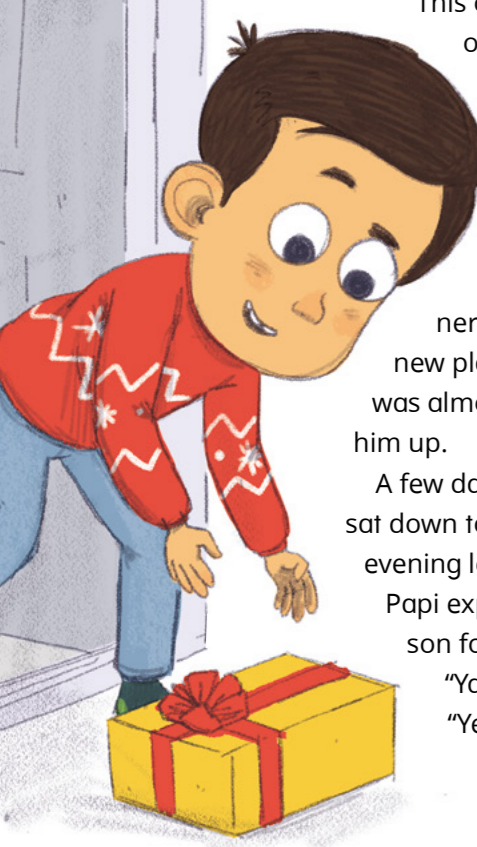
On Christmas Day, Bjorn gave each family member their gift. He was so excited he could hardly sit still.

When Papi saw his shiny shoes, he said, "Wow, thank you, Bjorn! These look wonderful."

Bjorn's brother and sister opened their presents, then jumped up to give Bjorn hugs. "Thanks!" they said.

Mami smiled when she unwrapped the picture Bjorn had drawn for her. "You've helped make this Christmas so special, Bjorn. Thank you for being our little angel," she said.

Bjorn felt happy inside. He knew that showing love to his family was the perfect present to give Jesus! ●



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"The Lord is always looking for willing volunteers to be angels in others' lives."

Elder Carlos A. Godoy of the Presidency of the Seventy, "I Believe in Angels," *Liahona*, Nov. 2020, 87.

