

## THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Year B – Advent 4

Who likes secrets? Do you like to share a secret with a special friend? Often we keep secrets before Christmas, when we plan for, make or buy, and wrap our presents! And secrets often are real surprises to others when they find out.

God had a secret that was a surprise to God's people. Jesus was the gift kept secret until the right time for the unwrapping. They expected him to come wrapped differently, as a prince born in rich surroundings. But Jesus was born in a stable, among ordinary people. His parents were special, though not rich. They were persons who loved God and were willing to share in God's secret in bringing Love into the world in an unexpected way.

Bible Story Alternate:

Jesus is born-Luke 2:1-7