

WHY WE GIVE

Talking Points for Angel Tree Gift Delivery



- **As Angel Tree volunteers, you are delivering more than a gift!**

You are helping prisoners to restore and strengthen relationships with their children and families. Some of the gifts you deliver could be the only ones a child will receive this Christmas. Most importantly, you are creating connections! Thank you for helping to bring parents and children together this Christmas. You are being the hands and feet of Jesus to hurting families.

- **Restoring bonds between prisoners and their children is significant work!**

So many things can strain prisoners' family ties to the breaking point—from the poor choices that led to prison to the distance created by incarceration. The gift you deliver is a tangible reminder for children that their moms and dads still remember and love them. When reconciliation is appropriate, it can change lives.

- **Gift deliveries are an easy opportunity to invite families to church.**

Invite families to a Christmas Eve service or another service or event. Remember that you might serve families who already have a church home—and we love that! Always offer prayer before moving on to the next gift drop-off.

- **Gift deliveries open doors for year-round service to families.**

We love to connect prisoners' families and show children they are valued and loved all year. We get to do this beyond Christmas through summer camps, sports clinics, and mentoring. As you keep in touch and build trust with a family, look for opportunities to come alongside them after Christmas. Even simple things, like sending a birthday card, offering rides, or bringing a meal, can have a huge impact.

- **Be ready to share the Gospel with each Angel Tree family.**

(Introduce the Gospel presentation card if your church ordered them.)

This is an exciting chance to share the true meaning of Christmas with each family we visit. It can be simple, so don't be shy! An easy way to start is to recall the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2. Sharing God's gift of Jesus along with your simple act of love will bring joy to families who might otherwise have little to celebrate.