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 The Traveling Gift: A Christmas Story About Sharing and Generosity 

It was a snowy morning in the town of Evergreen, and twelve-year-old Max was running late to the community Christmas market. As he hurried through the bustling streets, he noticed a small, neatly wrapped gift lying on a bench. Curious, he picked it up. A tag read: "To anyone who needs a little joy."

Max smiled. He decided to deliver it to someone who might need it. First, he walked to Mrs. Thompson, the elderly lady who lived alone at the end of Maple Street. She opened the gift to find a handmade ornament and a sweet note: "Merry Christmas! You are loved." Her eyes sparkled with gratitude. "Oh, Max," she said, "this is the most thoughtful gift I've received all year!"

But Max didn't stop there. He left a little note inside the gift: "Pass this gift along when someone else needs joy." He then walked to the next person who seemed lonely: a boy sitting by himself near the skating rink. The boy opened the gift to find a warm scarf and a chocolate treat, along with the note. His face lit up, and he promised to pass the gift forward.

The gift continued to travel all through Evergreen. A baker received it and used the chocolates to make cookies for a neighbor. A young girl added a handmade card and left it for a bus driver who worked late hours. Each recipient added a small surprise, a kind message, or a treat before passing it along.

By Christmas Eve, the gift had returned to the bench where Max had first found it, now overflowing with little treasures from dozens of townspeople. Max picked it up, amazed at how many people had contributed. He realized the true magic wasn't in the gift itself—it was in the generosity and kindness that people shared.

That night, as the snow fell gently on Evergreen, Max thought about how one small act of kindness could ripple through a whole town. He hugged the traveling gift, knowing that it had reminded everyone of the best part of Christmas: giving, sharing, and spreading joy.

Pick the true answer:

Max found the gift lying on a bench in the community Christmas market. — True / False

Mrs. Thompson ignored the gift because she did not know who it was from. — True / False

Each recipient added something to the gift before passing it on. — True / False

The gift ended up lost and never returned to Max. — True / False

The story teaches that Christmas is about giving, sharing, and spreading joy. — True / False

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Multiple-Choice Questions:



1. What did the tag on the gift say when Max first found it?

- A. "Open only on Christmas Eve"
- B. "To anyone who needs a little joy"
- C. "Do not touch"
- D. "To Max, from Santa"



2. Who received the gift first from Max?

- A. A young girl near the skating rink
- B. Mrs. Thompson, the elderly neighbor
- C. The town baker
- D. The bus driver



3. What did Max include in the gift for the next person?

- A. A candy cane
- B. A note asking them to pass it along
- C. A snow globe
- D. A small toy.



4. How did people add to the gift as it traveled?

- A. They hid it in their homes
- B. They removed items from it
- C. They added a small surprise or kind message
- D. They changed the wrapping paper



5. What is the main lesson of the story?

- A. Gifts should only be given to family
- B. One small act of kindness can spread joy through a whole community
- C. Christmas is only about receiving presents
- D. Only adults can share generosity



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Answer the following questions:

6-Where did Max first find the gift, and what did the tag say?

7-Who was the first person Max gave the gift to, and what was inside?

8-What instruction did Max leave for the next person who received the gift?

9-How did the gift “travel” through the town of Evergreen? Give one example.

10-What lesson did Max learn about the gift and the true spirit of Christmas?



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Answer Key

1-Where did Max first find the gift, and what did the tag say?

Max found the gift on a bench in the community Christmas market. The tag said: "To anyone who needs a little joy."

2-Who was the first person Max gave the gift to, and what was inside?

He gave it to Mrs. Thompson, the elderly lady who lived alone. Inside was a handmade ornament and a sweet note saying, "Merry Christmas! You are loved."

3-What instruction did Max leave for the next person who received the gift?

Max left a note asking them to pass this gift along when someone else needs joy.

4-How did the gift "travel" through the town of Evergreen? Give one example.

The gift was passed from person to person. For example, a boy near the skating rink received it with a scarf and chocolate treat, and later a young girl added a handmade card for a bus driver.

5-What lesson did Max learn about the gift and the true spirit of Christmas?

That the real magic of Christmas comes from sharing, giving, and spreading joy, not from the gift itself.

True / False Answers

True – Max found the gift lying on a bench in the community Christmas market.

False – Mrs. Thompson appreciated and loved the gift.

True – Each recipient added something to the gift before passing it on.

False – The gift eventually returned to Max.

True – The story teaches that Christmas is about giving, sharing, and spreading joy.

Multiple-Choice Answers

B – "To anyone who needs a little joy"

B – Mrs. Thompson, the elderly neighbor

B – A note asking them to pass it along

C – They added a small surprise or kind message

B – One small act of kindness can spread joy through a whole community