A Christmas Musical for Children Created by Pam Andrews Arranged by John DeVries

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FOREWORD

Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11(NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed

down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Dear Friends:

Welcome to The Perfect Gift! What joy it is for me to bring you the first Christmas Musical produced by **Pam Andrews Music.** I have always dreamed of creating and publishing music for your children and now by the grace of God, I am on my way. The Perfect Gift is a wonderful new musical given to us by the Lord highlighting Jesus as the perfect gift from God.

The story begins at **Bethlehem Mall** in the **Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe**. Star (the store manager), Phebe, Sarah, and Lydia (store employees), are preparing for a busy day of shoppers. In comes Reggie, another store worker and a marvelous Jamaican-style character, excitedly telling the rest of the employees and shoppers about the new Baby King he has just met. Outside the mall we find Goldie, Frankie, and Murray...the three Wise Men approaching. They have been following the star in search of the new King. They decide make a quick stop at **Bethlehem Mall** to find the perfect gift to offer to the Child. They enter the **Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe** meeting Star and the rest of the store employees. The story continues as the Wise Men search for just the right gift to give Jesus. First, Goldie decides the gift he could give should be a heart of gold, which symbolizes the love Jesus has for us. Frankie realizes that he can give the King Frankincense Potpourri, which reminds us that Jesus brought joy to the world. Finally, Murray chooses Myrrh Antiseptic Cream, which reminds us that Jesus came to bring His peace to the world—healing the hearts and lives of men. Finally, the Wise Men realize that even with these gifts, something is still missing. Reggie shares with them that Jesus is the only perfect gift that ever came to earth. "So if Jesus is the Perfect Gift to us, what can we give Him in return?" asks Goldie. Reggie says, "Hey, man, just give Him de heart."

What a great message of hope for Christmas! Jesus, The Perfect Gift, wants to come into our lives and hearts. He wants to bring us His LOVE, JOY, and PEACE. You will love the script full of humor and fun, the songs that are some of the best the Lord has ever given me, and the Biblical message, which will touch the hearts of your children and the audience. It is always my mission to change lives with every musical. My prayer is that children and adults will come to know the Lord as they experience The Perfect Gift.

I work with a great team. John DeVries, my arranger, and Ramelle his wife helped create great spiritual lessons and devotions for this musical. Dan Oxley is the engineer for all of my work and Donna, his wife, helped create the musical lessons as well as direct our studio kids. Shea Roland again provides her cool and fun choreography and her husband, Tom, is providing T-shirts for this musical. I truly love each one of these people. They are such blessings in my life. What a great team!

Have fun with **The Perfect Gift!** I know that God will lead and guide you as you create this musical memory in the Lord with your children. Remember, I am always here if you need ideas or help, and as always...thanks for working for our Lord with children. You are making a real difference in the world. God bless YOU!

Living for Jesus!

Pam Andrews

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- Split Track CD
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- Kids' Scores & Lyric Sheets (Reproducible)
- Resource Materials (Production Notes including musical and spiritual lesson plans and so much more!)
- Movement DVD with Movement Script

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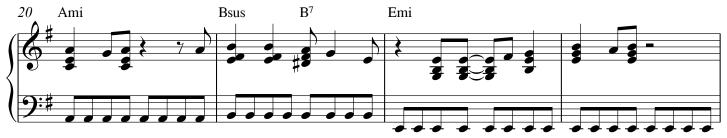


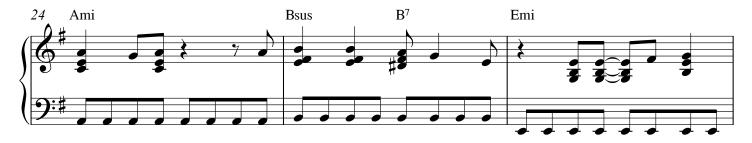
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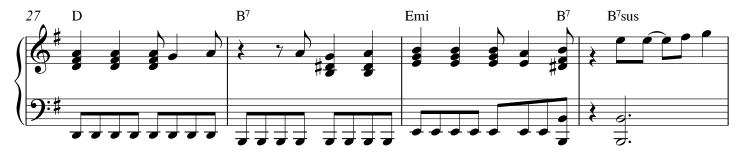
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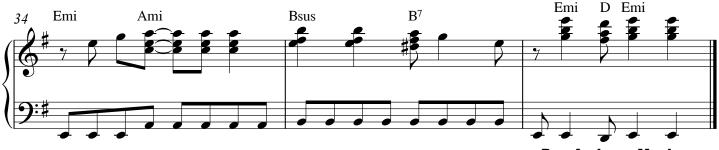












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The Perfect Gift

by Pam Andrews

Scene 1 • CD:2

(opt. over music, The Perfect Gift—Overture)

Sarah	I'm not sure where he is, Star. He was supposed to be here 30 minutes ago. Oh, dear! Some definite straightening is in order before those doors open. (SARAH hurriedly straightens her counter.)
Phebe	Darling! Look at all the customers lined up outside the marketplace. Gotta love those last minute shoppers!
Lydia	The Bethlehem Mall <i>is</i> crowded. Looks like a record day of sales is on the way.
Star	Ok, everyone. Man your stations. Looks like a busy day ahead. AND please remember our store motto…
All	The customer is always right.
Star	Time to open the doors.
Song 1	The Perfect Gift

The Perfect Gift



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- Star Welcome, Elizabeth! Glad to see you back in the store so soon. Shopping for baby items for that new son of yours?
- Elizabeth Of course. Baby John is such a delight. Zachariah and I are having such fun with him! I thought I might get some of that Jordan River Bath Gel. My little John loves to splash around in the water <u>and</u> dunk his toys.
- Star No problem. Sarah might have something over in health and beauty. Sarah?
- Sarah At your service.
- Star This is Elizabeth. She's looking for the perfect baby bath gel for her new son, John.
- Sarah Come along, ma'am. I'm sure we'll find something just right for your precious one.
- Star May I help you, sir?
- Man Well, I bought this perfume for my wife's birthday. Then, on the way home I noticed that this bottle was filled with "toilet water!" I knew I better head right back to Bethlehem Mall to find something else. Somehow I completely forgot her last birthday. I did <u>so</u> want the perfect gift for my wife this year. You know, she's turning the big 4-0.
- Star Well, we want to make sure your wife is happy with her birthday present. Lydia, this gentleman is in need of assistance.
- Lydia Happy to be of service, sir. I'm sure I have something your wife will love at the fragrance counter. We just got a great new perfume called, "Heaven Sent." Walk this way, please. (The MAN walks the same as LYDIA toward the fragrance counter.)
- Star Well, hello, young man. How may we help you?
- Boy I need a bracelet.
- Star A bracelet?
- Boy OK, OK...It's not for me...It's for my sister. I was looking for the perfect gift to give her for Passover. She likes anything shiny so I thought a bracelet might be just the thing.

Star	Phebe, could you please help this boy find a bracelet?
Phebe	Of course, darling. You know that I am the diva of all trinkets and jewels. (PHEBE searches through bracelets at her counter.) Accessorizeaccessorizethat's the key to any proper wardrobe.
Reggie	(REGGIE enters in a rush and is obviously excited.) Ah, boss, I'm sorry to be late.
Star	Where have you been?
Reggie	Hey, Star, I've met da new King!
Star	New King? What are you talking about?
Reggie	Well, it happened like dis. I was walking down de street heading to work, you know, when I met dis mother and child in de street.
Lydia	Go on.
Reggie	Someding about dat baby just stopped me right in me tracks.
Sarah	Go on.
Phebe	Yes, go on, darling.
Reggie	De say He was born about a year ago, in a stable down de road a bit. (to STAR) You know, de one behind dat hotel.
Phebe	Oh yes, I heard about that incident. I think it was the "Holy Day Inn." The innkeeper could not find room for that family and placed them in the stable.
Lydia	How horrible!
Sarah	I heard that place lost its 4 star rating.
Phebe	There will be a black mark on that hotel forever, darling.
Reggie	All I know is dis tiny child was special. De say He came to save His people. De call Him Jesus!
Song 2	Jesus Is His Name

Jesus Is His Name

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Scene 3 • CD:6

(The WISEMEN enter down the aisle walking to music. They move to the stage and talk before entering the Bethlehem Mall Scene.)

Frankie	I don't know about you guys, but I'm ready for a break.
Goldie	I know! My legs are permanently bowlegged from riding that camel.
Murray	Yeah. That last desert about did me in. I'm feelin' a food stop at Manna Bread Factory.
Frankie	Wouldn't a nice cool Red Sea bottled water just hit the spot?
Goldie	Hey, guysno food till we hit Bethlehem Mall. Remember, we need to find the perfect gifts to give to the King.
Murray	Yeah, you're right. But shopping makes me crazy. I normally have my assistant do that for me!
Frankie	Me, too…I get so tired of all those sales people saying, (in a nasal voice) "May we help you?"
Goldie	Like it or notwe've got to shop. Let's get focused you guys. Remember, we're on a mission to find the King.
Murray	AND before we meet Him, we want the perfect gift in hand ready to give Him.
Frankie	Well what are we waitin' for? Let's shop till we drop. Let's move on out. Let's wheel and deallet's
Goldie	(Interrupting) Enough Frankie! The sooner we find something, the sooner we can get back on the road and search for the new King. I'm sure He's not far away. Soon our search will be over.
Song 3	We're Lookin' For Jesus

Full Piano/Vocal

We're Lookin' For Jesus



Scene 4 • CD:8

Elizabeth Thank you, Sarah. This is just perfect.

Man Yes, and thank you, Lydia. My wife will love this perfume.

Boy Phebe, you're the greatest.

Phebe We are delighted to help, aren't we girls?

Lydia Yes, delighted.

Sarah Come again soon.

(ELIZABETH, MAN, and BOY EXIT. The WISEMEN enter the Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe scene.)

Goldie	Hey, this store looks perfect.
Frankie	Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe!
Murray	At least it smells good (MURRAY sniffs FRANKIE) and anything beats that camel smell. Shooeee!
Goldie	I'm sure we can find something spectacular in here.
Star	Welcome, gentleman.
All Workers	(in nasal voice) May we help you?
Frankie	(whining) Oh, no!
Murray	It's already started!
Goldie	Be quiet, you guys. Yes, you…"may help us." We are Wisemen from the East. I'm…Goldie.
Frankie	And I'mFrankie
Murray	And you can call meMurray.
Star	Goldie, Frankie, Murraykind of familiar? How can we help you?
Goldie	We have been following that star. (GOLIDIE points to the star.)
Frankie	(dramatically) Up hills and through valleys

Murray	(dramatically)across deserts and through sand storms
Frankie	(dramatically)through rain, sleet, and snow
Murray	(dramatically, singing)nothing can take the wise men off course. (sing to the tune of "Nothing can stop the US Air Force")
Goldie	Ok! Cool it, you guys! We have come to Bethlehem to find the new King. We even met with King Herod about our quest. He <i>said</i> that he also wanted to meet the new King.
Frankie	BUT, we all decided that we would just take the 340 Detour on our way home and skip the palace.
Murray	(thoughtfully) We've been having some strange dreams lately about King Herod.
Goldie	We are in need of gifts to take to the new king. We want the gifts to be just rightyou know, perfect. Do you have any suggestions?
Star	Absolutely. Staff! Front and center!
Lydia, Sarah Phebe	, (PHEBE, LYDIA, and SARAH move center stage and stand in a line. They stand at attention.) We're ready boss!
Star	These gentleman need our help.
Phebe	(PHEBE, LYDIA, and SARAH move out of attention and begin examining the clothes of the WISEMEN.) Yes, darlingwe can see that. Those crowns are just not working with those sandals. And that robethe color just washes you out. I'm thinkingpale peach. What do you think, girls?
Sarah	Yes, or blue would be great with his eyes.
Lydia	What about that hair? Extreme makeover, here we come!
Frankie	Hey, no way! (GOLDIE, FRANKIE, and MURRAY pull away.)
Murray	Cut it out!
Goldie	This is not a gift for uswe need a gift for the new King we believe to be living here in Bethlehem.
Frankie	We're on our way to meet and worship Him.
Murray	We just thought gifts would be a nice touch.

Goldie	Money is no objectWe just need your help. (GOLDIE holds money out to STAR.)
Reggie	Ah ya, boys, I just met de very same Baby King you speak of, just earlier today, man!
Goldie	You did?!
Reggie	I can't explain it, but I felt such a feeling of love when I saw de little King.
Goldie	Hey guyslooks we followed the star to the right place.
Murray/ Frankie	Pay dirt!
Star	You are so right, gentleman! Help is on the way. Reggie, this calls for drastic action.
Reggie	Hey, boss, I am wi cha. I'm already on it. (Reggie moves to the back of the stage behind the counter to retrieve the gifts. Note: He should not go far because during the next song he will sing a brief solo then go back to his search upstage until Scene 5 when he reveals the presents.)
Star	Phebe, Lydia, and Sarah, are you ready for an extreme challenge? (PHEBE, LYDIA, and SARAH snap in line next to STAR.)
Phebe	Of course, Darling. Aren't we, girls?
Lydia	Sure thing!
Sarah	Absolutely!
Song 4	Help Is On the Way!

Full Piano/Vocal Help Is On the Way!



Scene 5 • CD:10

- Star At Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe, we aim to please.
- Reggie (REGGIE returns to center stage with four beautifully wrapped gifts.) Hey, I found dem, boss.
- Star Wonderful! Thank you. Gentlemen, these are the finest gifts we have in our store. I am sure you will find the perfect gift you seek among these. Ok, let's get you boys fixed up. Phebe, you're on! The first box comes from your department.
- Phebe Absolutely, darling. The most kingly item in this store is in this box AND it happens to have love as its theme. (PHEBE opens the box.)
- Goldie Gold!

Phebe Not just gold, darling...This is a heart of gold.

- Star Look, here are the instructions for the gift. (STAR reads the instructions.) It says here "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- Reggie De say dis new King brings love from heaven to de world.
- Song 5 Heart of Gold

Full Piano/Vocal

Heart of Gold



- Goldie Yes, I will give the heart of gold to the King because of the love He brings to the world.
- Phebe Magnificent, darling! The new king will love the heart of gold because behind it there beats a heart of love.
- Goldie Thank you, Phebe.
- Star Now, let's move on. Reggie, tell us more about the king.
- Reggie (gently laughs) Dis little King brought joy to my heart and smile to my lips!
- Frankie Joy? Joy to the world!? Great concept! But how can I put joy in a box?
- Lydia (LYDIA opens the box.) This is Frankincense Potpourri. Doesn't it smell nice?
- Frankie Sure does! It kinda smells like cinnamon and flowers. (FRANKIE smells the frankincense.)
- Lydia Kind of...joyful?
- Frankie Yes...joyful. Hey, that's a great idea!
- Star Let's see what the instructions say for this gift. "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."
- Reggie De say Jesus brings joy to the world and into de hearts of those who believe.

Full Piano/Vocal

Joy Medley



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Scene 7 • CD:14

Frankie	Ok, I'm hooked. Frankincense Potpourri will be my gift.
Lydia	A joyful gift to the joyful One.
Star	Great! Now, let's move on. Ok, Reggie, what else can you tell us?
Reggie	De say He has come to bring peace to de world and to save us. Most babies can make me a little crazy, but not dis baby. I was so happy to just to be near Him. I didn't want to leave!
Murray	So what gift would you suggest?
Sarah	I think I have just the thing, sir. (SARAH opens the box.) This is Myrrh Antiseptic Cream!
Murray	Wait a minute. (MURRAY smells the myrrh.) This smells terrible. You give Goldie that great heart of gold and Frankie that great smellin' Frankincense Potpourri. Then you give me this stinky stuff!? No way!
Sarah	You must have heard that with the bitter comes the sweet. This myrrh that I give you will heal the hurts and broken hearts of the world.
Murray	And then the world will have peace. I get it, Sarah.
Star	These instructions say, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
Reggie	De recipe for peace might seem bitter. Sacrifices must be made to achieve forgiveness. De new King promises dat kind of peace to us all.
Song 7	Peace On Earth

Full Piano/Vocal

Peace On Earth



- Murray Now that you put it that way, this myrrh is not lookin' so bad. To heal the people and bring Peace on earth would be kind cool.
- Goldie Gold...
- Frankie ...frankincense
- Murray ...and myrrh.
- Goldie ...AND love...
- Frankie ...joy,
- Murray ...and peace.
- Goldie These are fine gifts.
- Frankie Yes, you've all done a fine job of "helping us," and we really appreciate it. I'd say, "That's a wrap!" Get it?...wrap?...present?...(chuckles)
- Murray I still think we are lacking the perfect gift. Something's missing.
- Star Well, we do have this last and final box. Reggie? (REGGIE opens the box and pulls out a small sign that says "JESUS")
- Goldie Jesus? What do you mean?
- Reggie Jesus is de perfect gift to de world, man. You can't buy dis gift. It's not only perfect, it's free!
- Goldie So... if Jesus is the Perfect Gift to us, what can we give Him in return?
- Reggie Hey man, just give Him de heart.
- Song 8 Jesus Is Born

Full Piano/Voc

Jesus Is Born



Goldie	Thank you, everyone!
Star	We are delighted to be of service. We do hope these gifts will meet your needs.
Frankie	I have no doubt these gifts will be remembered for years to comeand hey, Dads of the world, rejoice! There is no assembly required!
Murray	Yeah, they're awesome! Thanks, loads! Do you have a Star of Wonder Catalog by chance? My sister would be all over it like wool on sheep!
Star	Sure, Lydia, go grab this man a couple of tablets from the back! (LYDIA reaches behind the counter and hands GOLDIE two Moses-like tablets which are the Star of Wonder Catalog advertisements.)
Lydia	Glad to help.
Sarah	We are always glad to serve.
Phebe	No, problem, Darling.
Goldie	Thanks to you, too, Reggie.
Reggie	My pleasure, man.
Goldie	Hey guys, do you want to stop off at Manna Bread Factory to eat?
Frankie	WellI'm not really hungry anymore.
Murray	Me, neither. Are you thinkin' what I'm thinkin'?
Goldie	I'm thinkin' we need to follow that star.
Frankie	that star of wonder, star of light.
Murray	that star with royal beauty bright.
Reggie	Ah yago west Wisemen, go west!
Employees	Goodbye!
Star	And may God bless you!

(This is an optional ending point. You could also continue with the following dialogue for a more spiritual ending.)

(Act out the Wisemen meeting Jesus with Mary and Joseph...no manger scene.)

- Child 1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,
- Child 2 Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
- Child 3 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
- Child 4 Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
- Narrator The Wisemen realized that Jesus was the Perfect Gift from God to the world. Only Jesus can make things right. Only Jesus can show us the way. Only Jesus. This Christmas give Jesus the best gift you have to offer. Give Him your heart. Believe in Him. Allow Him to bring His love, His joy, and His peace into your life. Receive Him now. Then, you will have the perfect gift for Christmas...Jesus.
- **Song 9** The Perfect Gift—Finale
- **Song 10** The Perfect Gift—Bow Music

(optional)

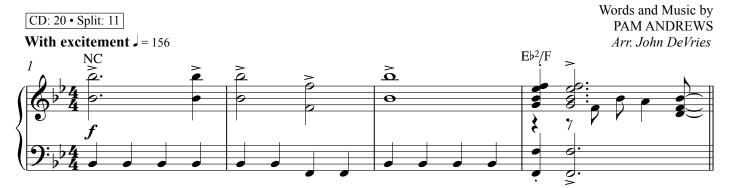
The Perfect Gift—Finale

(with In the Bleak Midwinter/We Three Kings of Orient Are/Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)



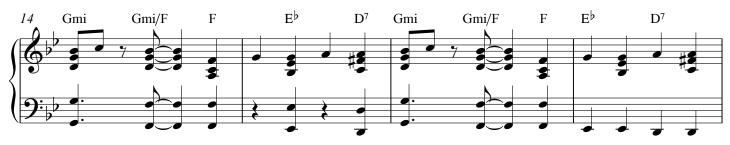
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Cast List

Star Reggie	The Store Manager, wears Biblical clothes with a coat and tie. A Jamaican-type character with a dreadlocks wig. He could wear Biblical clothes in Jamaican-type colors.
Phebe	Biblical clothes with a boa and flashy jewelry.
Lydia	Biblical clothes with a pretty bow in her hair.
Sarah	Biblical clothes with a pretty headband.
Elizabeth	Biblical clothes with a purse and hat.
Man	Biblical clothes with a coat and tie.
Воу	Biblical clothes with a baseball cap and tennis shoes.
Goldie	Wiseman Biblical clothes, crown, and brilliant colors with lots of gold coloring in his costume.
Frankie	Wiseman Biblical clothes, crown, and brilliant colors with lots of purple coloring in his costume.
Murray	Wiseman Biblical clothes, crown, and brilliant colors with lots of blue coloring in his costume.
Child 1	"The Perfect Gift" T-shirt and jeans.
Child 2	"The Perfect Gift" T-shirt and jeans.
Child 3	"The Perfect Gift" T-shirt and jeans.
Child 4	"The Perfect Gift" T-shirt and jeans.
Narrator	"The Perfect Gift" T-shirt and jeans.
Choir	"The Perfect Gift" T-shirts and jeans.

Setting

The setting is: The Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe in Bethlehem Mall. The set should contain:

- a cosmetic counter
- a jewelry counter
- a health and beauty aides counter
- a check-out counter

There should be a logo "Bethlehem Mall" and a sign, "Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe." You should also have a "The Perfect Gift" logo hanging behind the choir as well as product on the counters. When you purchase the All-In-One version of



You receive the following:

Resource Materials

- **Production Notes**—These notes give ideas for set design and construction, microphone needs, cast and costuming, as well as organizational materials to get you started.
- **Lesson Plans**—These plans contain musical and spiritual lessons. They help children understand Biblical concepts, memorize scripture, and provide simple music education experiences.
- Small Group Activities/Devotional Book—This ready-to-photocopy booklet encourages your children to spend time daily with the Lord. These activities can be accomplished in class or at home.
- **Movements to Songs**—Shea Roland, one of the best choreographers I know, provides excellent movement opportunities for your performance with a demonstration of every song on DVD.
- **Full Piano/Vocal/Script with Tech Script**—The piano/vocal music and tech script provide your lighting and sound crew an easier script to follow for the performance.
- **Split Track CD and Stereo Listening CD**—With the All-In-One musical, you will receive a split track CD and stereo listening CD which may be copied for your kids to practice with at home.



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a Christmas Musical for Children

By Pam Andrews

Welcome to Bethlehem Mall and the Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe filled with trinkets and treasures of all kinds. You will find a capable staff ready to lend a hand to the customers seeking that "perfect gift." Weary from their journey following the star, the three Wise Men enter the shop seeking special gifts to present to the New King whom they believe to be in Bethlehem. Discover through magnificent songs, hilarious humor, and a touching story that Jesus was "The Perfect Gift" from God to the world and the best gift we can give to Jesus is our hearts. Performance time is approximately 46 minutes.

> The Perfect Gift-Overture The Perfect Gift Jesus Is His Name We're Lookin' For Jesus Help Is On the Way! Heart of Gold Joy Medley Peace On Earth Jesus Is Born The Perfect Gift-Finale The Perfect Gift-Bow Music

Cast range is 11 to 15 Characters. Staging suggestions, Lesson Plans, a Movement DVD, and so much more is available in The Perfect Gift Resource Materials. Recorded at D & D Studios