



The Nature of Gift-Giving

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." - James 1:17

As Christmas fast approaches, parents are scouring stores to find the perfect gifts for their children. When we look at the fallen world, gift-giving seems to be contrary to the death, disease, and violence we see around us.

Although all creation was cursed because of sin, glimpses of God's perfect earth peak through the mire. In the article, "Cactus, Bats, and Christmas Gift-Giving," Dr. James Johnson presents a picture of the symbiotic

relationship of some animals and plants which could be described as gift-giving.



The Saguaro cactus provides shelter to a wide range of desert dwellers like Gila woodpecker, elf owl, Chihuahuan raven, Inca dove, cactus wren and many others. The fruit of the cactus feeds hungry pecary, deer, tortoises, rabbits, rodents, and skunks. This is not just a one way relationship as bees, doves, and bats help to pollinate the Saguaro and the Gila woodpecker aids in removing diseased tissue as

it builds its nests.

While we see gift-giving throughout God's creation, we celebrate the ultimate gift given as God the Father sent Jesus to earth to be born of a virgin, to live among us, to die a cruel death, and to rise again victorious.

God is the perfect gift-giver, and as He proclaims that quality through His creation, let's remember Jesus, the perfect gift, this Christmas!

James J. S. Johnson, "Cactus, Bats, and Christmas Gift-Giving," The Institute for Creation Research, November 30, 2017, <https://www.icr.org/article/cactus-bats-christmas-gift-giving>.

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