

# CHRISTMAS IN THREE WORDS

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*Based on the advertisement for Marks and Spencer. There are three characters who give their version of Christmas prompted by the interviewer. It could be done all as one piece of drama or as a series of sketches at intervals within a service building up to a final denouement.*

CAST

Interviewer

Child

Mum

Dad

Interviewer Christmas, a special time for all the family. Could you sum up what Christmas means for you – in just three words?

Child Lots of presents. *[Holds up present]*

Mum Lots of shopping. *[Lifts shopping bags]*

Dad Lots of bills. *[Holds up bills]*

Child The Christmas pantomime.

Mum The office party. *[Blows party blower]*

Dad *[Suggestively]* Pulling a cracker. *[Mum glares at him and jabs him in the ribs]*

Child Parties at school.

Mum Eating too much.

Dad Drinking too much. *[Surreptitious swig from bottle away from Mum]*

Child Waking at 5.

Mum Squabbles at 6.

Dad Bedlam at 7. *[Covers ears]*

Child Chocolates for breakfast. *[Holds up chocolate]*

Mum Turkey for dinner.

Dad Turkey for days. *[Holds stomach looking ill]*

Child The family together.

Mum 15 for lunch.

Dad Washing it up. *[Holds up dishcloth and brush]*

Child Wallace and Grommit. *[Holds up Wallace and Grommit]*

Mum The Queen's speech.

Dad Sleeping it off.

Interviewer Haven't you missed something out?

Child I don't think so.  
Mum We've mentioned most things.  
Dad We've been pretty thorough.

Interviewer If I say it is Christ-mas, does that ring any bells?

Child Sleigh bells ringing?  
Mum Church choirs singing?  
Dad *[Realisation is dawning] The penny's dropping. [The others look at him in surprise. He whispers to them. Their faces light up in realisation]*

Child Birthday of Jesus.  
Mum God with us.  
Dad Saviour is come .

*THE END*