

The Wider Church

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As a child, I remember my first Christmas Speech at my church in Tulsa, OK. The speech was “if you want a happy Christmas, here’s what you can do, make somebody happy, and you will be happy too.” Our Sunday School room was our Christmas preparation place. Every Sunday our teachers would work with us to make sure that we were ready to share our Christmas speech. With my experience in church and leadership, I am often reminded of this story as we look at where we are now as the wider church. This story is a reminder of the twinkle in our children’s eyes around this Christmas season. Their innocence, wonder, and expectation with the Christmas Story, leads us all to remember our story and experience with a child born to lead us. Christmas takes us on the road to Bethlehem. But before you know it, we are on the road to Calvary.

