

# **Assembly – Christmas Spirit – myfishbites.com**

## **Christmas Spirit**

What is Christmas about for you?

For most people it's about a time of giving, of sharing, of receiving and being together. Sometimes that seems hard in a world where people seem more divided than ever before. But true Christmas spirit is doing what you can, with what you've got, where you are, to help make people's lives better.

## **John Lewis Christmas Advert 2015**

Direct Link – <https://youtu.be/wuz2ILq4UeA> (checked January 2019)

## **The Message**

The message from the John Lewis advert isn't just to use a certain store in order to make someone happy, it's about reaching out to someone to make their life more meaningful and happy.

In November 2015, an elderly British couple dialled 999. Nothing unusual about that you may think. But they dialled 999 because they were lonely and didn't know anyone else to phone. It's really sad – especially in a month where the world celebrates what older people gave and sacrificed in order to give us our freedom (Remembrance Day).

You don't have to go to the Moon to find someone who's lonely. There are people around you at school and in your community who would love someone to say hi, to speak to them, to visit them, to invite them round, to give them a Christmas present or just a card.

Just imagine what it would be like if each of us bought a Christmas card and just popped it through the door of an elderly neighbour or someone who is lonely (like a refugee from another country). What a difference it would make in their life! So why not do it!

As a Christian I love the example of Jesus – this is what the Bible says:

Acts 10.38 (The Message version) – "Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him."  
When people reach out to help others, it changes things and changes lives... Even if the cat is to blame...

### **Sainsburys Christmas 2015 Advert**

Direct Link – <https://youtu.be/kuRn2S7iPNU> (checked January 2019)

### **John Lewis 2015 Christmas Ad Parody by The Poke**

And just in case you think we're getting a bit too emotional. here's a spoof of the John Lewis advert so show that Christmas is about fun, having a laugh and sharing that around too...

Direct Link – [https://youtu.be/IB\\_C2eOQG9g](https://youtu.be/IB_C2eOQG9g) (checked January 2019)

**Happy Christmas!!**