

## Kidmin Object Lesson: *Mouse's Christmas Gift*

**Big Idea:** Little acts of service can grow.

### Lesson Materials

1. *Book:* [Mouse's Christmas Gift](#) by Mindy Baker
2. *Option 1:* Acorns and pictures of oak trees
3. *Option 2:* Sponge animals that "grow" in water

### Procedure

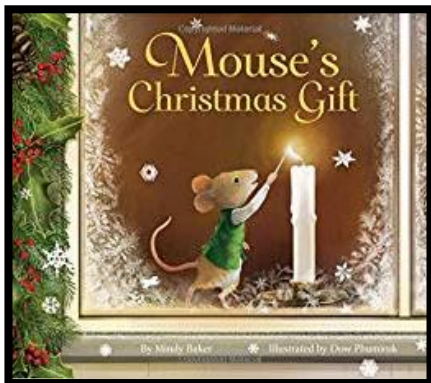
1. *Show:* An acorn or sponge animal capsule
2. *Ask:* What do I have in my hand? If I add water and time, what happens to the acorn (or sponge capsule)? Show an oak tree photo or put the capsule in water.
3. *Discuss:* This story is called "Mouse's Christmas Gift." What gift could a tiny mouse give?
4. *Set Purpose for Reading:* When I am finished reading, I want you to tell me what Mouse's Christmas gifts were and how they grew.
5. *Read:* [Mouse's Christmas Gift](#)
6. *Discuss:*
  - a. What were Mouse's Christmas gifts? (Mouse did acts of service. He set up the nativity, lit a candle, and unlocked the door.)
  - b. How did Mouse's little acts of serving others grow? (The townspeople came together, the Christmas Eve Service was not canceled, and they realized money was not necessary to celebrate Christmas.)

### Bible Story Connection

*Retell:* John 6:5-13 – A Boy's Five Loaves and Two Small Fish Feed 5,000

### Make it Personal

*Discuss:* Sometimes we think we need to do big things in order for them to matter, but small acts of kindness can grow. What little act of service could you do to help someone?



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### Follow Up Activities

1. To remind students that little can become much, children can assemble or be given an acorn Christmas Ornament. [DIY Acorn Ornaments](#)
2. Make Service "Coupons" – Using the linked [template](#), students can draw or write about a way to serve a family member or friend.
3. "Grow" sponge animals.
4. Listen to "Dream Small" by Josh Wilson.