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The following short Christmas story is something we could all reflect on as we celebrate Christmas and the holiday season.

The Gold Wrapping Paper - An Inspirational Short Christmas Story Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-

year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive

 $gold\ wrapping\ paper.$

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!"

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

This very short, yet deeply moving story beautifully reflects the true spirit of Christmas.



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DECEMBER PROMOTIONAL VIDEO



of Interest at https://www.darwin2021.com/registration

In our December 2019 promotional video, the Darwin2021 Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. The Committee would like to invite all dancers to join them in June 2021 to celebrate the 62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention in Full Darwin. details are available https://www.darwin2021.com/

You can come and join us by completing an Expression

OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR



Why not see more of Australia on the way to Darwin or post the Convention in 2021

Fantastic Aussie Tours who are also major sponsors of the Blue Mountains Convention in 2020 are planning two special tours for Darwin2021 delegates. The first, the Banjo Patterson tour, travelling from Sydney or Brisbane through Central Queensland into the Northern territory and onto Darwin. The second tour will be post the Darwin2021 Convention to discover the highlights of the Kimberley travelling from Darwin to Broome. All tours will be travelling in luxury long distance touring coaches, quality accommodation, most meals and entry fees to attractions. Fantastic Aussie Tours has been operating extended tours around Australia for over 40 years and offer a wide range of guided holidays within Australia and overseas.

Register your interest for either tour or even both at info@fantastic-asussie-tours.com.au full itineraries will be published at a later date. Phone: 02 4780 0700

COME AND JOIN THE DREAM

You can register an Expression of Interest for Darwin2021 by visiting our website at https://www.darwin2021.com/registration and completing the online form. We'll place you on our email list and forward all details, including newsletters, as they become available. We look forward to sharing our next newsletter in December.

May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, goodwill and happy dancing. And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. On behalf of the Darwin 2021 Committee we wish you a Merry Christmas and we look forward to sharing more news and videos of Darwin2021 in January 2020.

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