

SAMPLE "Christmas Blessing Stocking Stuffer Letter"

To a Beloved Son,

Dear Ryan,

Twelve years ago, almost to the day, the Lord gave us a precious gift that almost came on the same day His Son was born. You had almost a full head of hair that first day – and have been filled with life and joy and fun and energy every day since. Your dad and I want you to know that we've seen how you've handled the transition from grade school to middle school this year – and we are incredibly proud of you. You've stayed close to your friends, stayed plugged in at church and with your small group at church, and you've worked super hard at staying on top of your grades – even when it's been hard. That commitment to others and the Lord, is something we see in you, and know the Lord will bless and honor and use in the future – your special future. So enjoy your presents and being out of school, but for this short time to slow down and read this letter, know that we pray for you each day, are incredibly proud of the young man you're becoming, and can't wait to see how God uses you in the future to help and serve others and Him.

Signed (Love), Mom and Dad

To a Child who wouldn't receive the Blessing, if not for a loving family:

Dear Angel,

We hope you enjoy the small gift that we gave you – but this is the most important gift we want to give you this Christmas. It's a "Blessing" from our family to you that we want you to have as you walk through life each day. The "Blessing" was something that was given in Scripture by parents and by others (like Jesus) to help people know they were deeply loved and highly valued.

So we want you to know that in these past four years that you've been Haley's best friend, we couldn't have prayed or asked for any better young woman for her to hang out with. We have seen how you've faced the challenge of putting yourself through school, and worked so hard to support your sister and brother as well. You are courageous and kind, and while we keep waiting for you to complain – you always wear that smile that God has given you, when you come into our house. We want you to know that we believe the Lord will use your strength and courage and compassion to do great things for Him and for others as you take courses to become a nurse. If that's where the Lord takes you, we couldn't think of anyone we'd rather have care for us – and we ask and hope you know that the Williams family "chooses" to give YOU our blessing now and on each day to come. We love you and pray you'll always know there's a place in our hearts and our family, reserved for an "Angel" named Angel. Know too on this Christmas that God's love will be there for you always as well – "He will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5. The Williams Family