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Dear friends

The annual Nativity Play was in Masiphumelele on Friday and in our church today. This morning was quite chaotic: some of the key children arrived late, and when we finally set off, we all thought Zoleka was in someone else's car, but she got left behind! And I had forgotten the box with musical instruments at home. I had not realised that the wise men's gifts were in there too until I spotted Zoleka's hastily improvised substitutes. It must be the first time in two thousand years that baby Jesus has been given a toilet roll!

But as, usual, the children were wonderful, and acted, sang and spoke with conviction, enthusiasm and clarity. The play brings the Christmas message to them in a very real way, and I pray that they will carry it with them for the rest of their lives.

Regards

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