

Books and Socks and Stuff Like That

Christmas

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27 tree. But when I started digging around, there were
35 hardly any gifts with my name on them.

45 But Manny made out like a bandit. He got EVERY
56 single thing he circled in the catalogue, no lie. So I'll
64 bet he's glad he didn't listen to me.

75 I did find a couple things with my name on them,
84 but they were mostly books and socks and stuff
86 like that.

96 I opened my gifts in the corner behind the couch,
104 because I don't like opening gifts near Dad.

109 Whenever someone opens a gift,
112 Dad swoops right
115 in and cleans
118 up after them.



Quick Questions



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Pupils' own responses, such as: The scene around Greg's Christmas tree might have been chaotic and noisy because there were so many gifts and the family might have all been digging around amongst them, while Dad was constantly swooping in to clean up.

3. Why does Greg go into the corner?

Greg goes into the corner to steer clear of Dad tidying up.

4. In what ways does the illustration help us to understand and/or enjoy the text?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The illustration helps us to understand what the scene looks like and adds to what the narrator tells us by adding sound effects and actions in text.

