FinForce

FINFORCE BEDTIME STORIES · SERIES TWO

The Littlest Gift

A read-aloud Christmas picture book for little ones, ages 0 to 5

THE CHRISTMAS SERIES · BOOK 1



With Frankie, Paddington and Winston from the FinForce Dog House

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

for

With love from the FinForce team



Meet the FinForce Dog House

Frankie
The oldest and wisest. Fluffy, apricot, with a white chest. Always says “Righto boys.”

Paddington
The puppy. Red-gold curls and a white nose. Has a trick for every occasion.

Winston
Big, black and curly. Kind heart. Thinks about sausages a lot.

On Wattle Street, where the jacarandas grow,
lives a boy called Theo, and three dogs you should know.

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Christmas in Brisbane is sunny and hot,
with purple jacarandas and a red flower pot.
Then up pops a star, so big and so bright.
“I’d like to give a present,” says Theo that night.

“Righto boys,” says Frankie. “Let’s follow its light!”



The mango tree is heavy. So many mangoes! Yum!
Paddington wants every one, right now, in his tum.
“A few for now,” says Frankie, “and a basket put away.”
So Theo tucks it in the shade, for a special day.



Nan gives Theo a tiny job: one little plant, one little cup.
Drip, drip, drip, every morning, until the plant grows up.
“You cared for something small,” smiles Nan, “so here’s something more.”
One shiny gold coin! The shiniest Theo ever saw.



Paddington finds a ball. Then two. Then three!
He piles them all up under the big gum tree.
But guarding a pile is lonely and slow...
“Who wants to play?” Now watch the fun grow!



The corner shop hamper is for families in need.
Big boxes, big puddings, a ham, yes indeed!
Theo has one coin. Just one. Shiny and new.
He drops it in gently. Winston drops his sausage too.

A little gift. A big, big heart.



On Christmas Eve, the star stops over number twelve.
A new family is there, with boxes but no shelves.
A brand-new baby, as tiny as can be,
and no Christmas things yet. Not even a tree.



Theo brings his mango basket, saved for today.
Frankie brings a blanket. Paddington, a ball to play.
Winston brings... a sausage. (He found another one!)
“Squish up!” says Frankie. “There’s room for everyone.”

There’s always room for one more.



Christmas morning! Hip, hip, hooray!
A bone, a ball, a book. What a day!
Not a giant pile, just a few, wrapped with care.
“Thank you!” says Theo. “There’s plenty to share.”



The star is still shining. Three dogs yawn wide.
A day full of giving, and warm hearts inside.
“Righto boys,” whispers Frankie, snuggled up tight,
“the littlest gifts are the biggest. Goodnight.”



And next door, at number twelve, a tiny baby slept soundly, with a basket of mangoes, a soft blanket, and a whole street of new friends.

The End

LITTLE CHATS IN THE MORNING

What did Theo give away? · Who did everyone make room for? · What could you share today?

Merry Christmas, with love from the FinForce team

Next to read: Book 2, *The Three Jars of Wattle Street*, ages 5 to 10.
Printing tip: print at A5, or choose the 'booklet' setting on A4, double-sided. Officeworks and Kmart photo centres do lovely little prints.

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