IF I WERE IN CHARGE OF CHRISTMAS

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But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

MICAH 5:2

If I were in charge of the first Christmas... Well, things would have been very different. If I were in charge of Christmas... Hmm... Let’s see...
I'd like pretty things please.
Soft lights.
Nice colours.

I'd like matching shepherds please.
All neat and tidy.
I’d like animals all behaving please.

No mess. No fuss.

I’d like a smartly wrapped baby please. All rosy cheeked and snuggly.

If I were in charge of the first Christmas... Well, things would have been very different.
God was in charge of the first Christmas.  He did it just right.

Jesus being born is too important.

God’s Son coming into the world is too precious.

Just as He said He would.  He gave us exactly what we need.
God made His people a promise. He promised to send His Forever King. What a promise. What a King!
If I were in charge of Christmas... Hmm... Let's see...

The King would be given to...

A princess please? No.
A prime minister? No.
Then at least a film star? No.

God is in charge of Christmas. He did it just right. Just as He said He would. He gave us exactly what we need.
King Jesus was given to Mary.
Young Mary.
Small and unimportant Mary.
What a God!
He is very great.
He always keeps His promises.

If I were in charge of Christmas... Hmm... Let's see...
The King would be born in...

London please? No.

Birmingham? No.

Then at least Jerusalem? No.

God is in charge of Christmas. He did it just right.

And just as He said He would. He gave us exactly what we need.
What a God!
He is very great.
He always keeps His promises.

King Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
Little old Bethlehem.
Small and unimportant Bethlehem.

If I were in charge of Christmas... Hmm...
Let’s see...
The King would be laid in...

A Moses basket please? No.

God is in charge of Christmas. He did it just right. And just as He said He would. He gave us exactly what we need.

A growbag? No.

Then at least a travel cot? No.
What a God! He is very great. He always keeps His promises.

King Jesus was laid in a manger. An animal food box. Small and unimportant.

If I were in charge of Christmas... Well, things would have been very different. And it would all have been very wrong.
And just as He said He would.

He gave us exactly who we need.

A for all. J for Jesus being born.

God’s Son coming into the world is too precious.

God is in charge of Christmas. He did it just right.

God’s Son coming into the world is too precious.

And just as He said He would. He gave us exactly who we need.
King Jesus is exactly who we need. The Forever King who loves and cares. The Forever King who rescues. Jesus did just the right rescue so that we can be friends with God. He did exactly what we need.

What we can’t do ourselves. King Jesus has done it all.

If I were in charge of Christmas...? Oh dear. It’s a good job God was in charge of that first Christmas!
For Mum and Dad who gave us lovely Christmases.

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