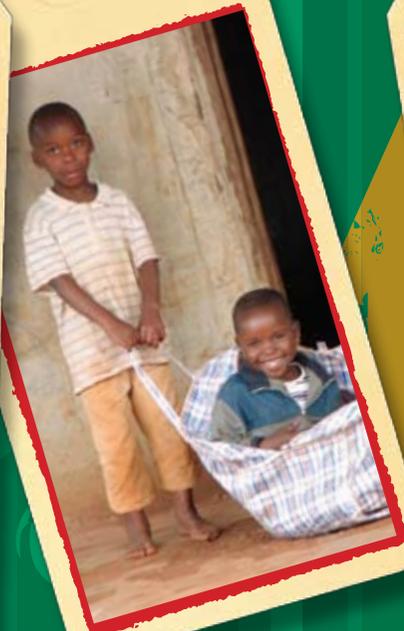


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Shopping 'ethically' can sometimes prove very expensive.

**JEREMY HALCROW** took the challenge to devise a 'Godly' Christmas shopping list using a budget of less than \$100.

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 (x6 = TOTAL \$30)



For the class  
**\$10**  
 TEAR-OFF CHRISTMAS CARDS



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[www.tear.org.au](http://www.tear.org.au)  
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Both Matthias Media and Outreach Media/FEVA have garnered a deserved reputation for thought-provoking, gospel-focused Christmas Cards. While they're not for everyone, I find FEVA's ongoing assault on the Santa myth a hilarious talking point (see cards pictured). Yet for my primary-school-teaching spouse, CEP's latest innovation will be especially welcome - Christian cards designed for kids. These high-quality cards come in a tear-off pad of 35 (A5 size) for \$10, and are suitable for primary-aged children. Inside, the Christmas story is told through pictures and words, and there is room for a personal message. They will prove an inexpensive alternative for kids in Sunday School or Scripture classes.

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