The Christmas Quest

Part 1: The **Bauble**

In the small town of Zhuwei near Taipei, Taiwan, Christmas was usually quiet. But one December, a tall Christmas tree appeared in the square near the supermarket, covered in shiny decorations.

Ashley, a curious 10-year-old girl, noticed a special bauble among the decorations. She **whispered**, "I wish for a magical Christmas this year!"

Joanne, the fruitseller, smiled and said, "This bauble is special. But its magic only works if you finish the Christmas **quest**."

Part 2: The **Challenge** Begins

That night, Ashley returned with her friends Una, Jennifer, and Ann. When she touched the bauble, the tree sparkled and a soft voice spoke:

"Find three gifts in Zhuwei before sunrise:

- A star that shines,
- A song that warms hearts,
- A gift freely given."

The girls gasped. The bauble glowed brighter, waiting for them to begin.

They ran through the streets:

- Una found a **lantern** that looked like a star outside the cake store.
- Jennifer helped everyone to sing a **carol**, and people stopped to listen near PX Mart.
- Ann gave her scarf to a poor child, who was feeling very cold.

Each time, the bauble sparkled bright, showing they had finished part of the quest.

Part 3: A Magical **Christmas**

Then the girls ran back to the square. The bauble shone like the sun, and the whole town lit up with colorful lights. Everyone gathered, singing and laughing together.

Joanne said, "You completed the quest. The magic is yours to share."

Ashley smiled at her friends and whispered, "Thank you, magic bauble. This is the best Christmas ever!"

Town square
Definition: The open space in the middle of a town.
Example: Families met in the town square to see the Christmas tree.

Whisper
Definition: To speak very softly.
Example: Rex whispered his wish to the bauble.

Sparkle
Definition: to show with lots of light, like bling
Example: The stars sparkled at night.

Lantern
Definition: A lamp or light people used to have
Example: There was a lantern on the tree.

Quest
Definition: looking for something.
Example: The quest to find Harry's hat failed.

Carol
Definition: A Christmas song
Example: The girls sang a carol on December 24th.

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Decorations
Definition: Things used to make a place look special.
Example: The dinosaur helped hang decorations with its tail..

Bauble
Definition: A small, shiny decoration for a Christmas tree.
Example: The glowing bauble looked magical.

Miracle
Definition: Something amazing that seems impossible.
Example: People said the dinosaur was a Christmas miracle.