

# Sharing the Lessons of Christmas

Christmas parties ought to be fun, uplifting, and yes, even educational. At the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center, they always are.

BGACDC organized parties during Christmas week for children and their parents or guardians at the BGA center in Marvell and, for the first time, for children and parents in Elaine at the town's old high school.

One hundred twenty-two people - 64 children and 58 parents or guardians - along with AmeriCorps and Vista workers attended the two parties.

There were toys and food and inspirational programs, along with special gifts for every youngster - books, each one appropriate for the child's age.

The parties are a chance every year to bring some delight to the families and communities at Christmastime, explained Rev. Jerome Turner, youth and family services director for BGACDC, but more than that "they give us a chance to focus young parents and guardians on working closely with their children the year round and advancing their education and development."



Jakarion Jones shows off his gift, a book of riddles



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