

"Curious George" and "Arthur" Specials Begin Holiday Season on NET Television

LINCOLN, Neb. (Nov. 11, 2009) -- Begin this holiday season with the adventurous monkey Curious George as he prepares for Christmas Day in "A Very Monkey Christmas," airing Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7 and 10 a.m., as well as 3 and 5 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD. The program marks the monkey's first holiday adventure and features a sprinkling of classic Christmas carols, as well as three original songs.

"A Very Monkey Christmas" finds George and The Man with the Yellow Hat preparing for the holiday when they encounter a dilemma -- neither can figure out what to give the other for a present. George's wish list is filled with geometric shapes and offers no clues. The Man suggests that George surprise him with a homemade gift, but George isn't quite sure what a monkey can make for a man. The suspense builds as Christmas approaches, but in the end, the gift-giving predicaments are simply resolved and reveal the true spirit of the holidays.

Also on Nov. 25, everyone's favorite aardvark gives kids a new spin on seasonal traditions in "Arthur's Perfect Christmas," airing at 6 a.m., as well as 2 and 4 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD.

The one-hour special shows children many different ways to celebrate the holidays. Plans are underway in Elwood City for the best holidays ever as Arthur, D.W., their family and friends make preparations for perfect gifts, perfect parties and perfect family traditions for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and even "Baxter Day" -- Buster and his mom's special celebration. The only problem is, just like in real life, perfection is hard to attain and things start to fall apart.

Visit netNebraska.org/kids for a complete children's program schedule and links to fun and games for kids, plus information for parents, caregivers and teachers. NET1 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. Visit NET's Web site at netNebraska.org/television.

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