

## Christmas

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Christmas is the time of year when it gets really cold. It is the time for family to get together and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also the time when Santa comes and gives toys to good girls and boys. Those of us who are Christian celebrate by going to church and trimming a tree. My family has lots of traditions around this time. We drive upstate New York and cut down our own Christmas tree. Then we go to dinner at an old Inn once visited by George Washington. After dinner we usually walk to this old-fashioned candy store and pick out some candy. One year, after picking out our candy, a parade was coming down the street. It was beautiful because it just started to snow. Christmas is such a special time of year.

Christmas is a holiday in December. We decorate our houses in green and red, Christmas colors. On Christmas Eve, we put up our Christmas Trees and hang up our stockings. Then people make their Wish List and mail it to Santa Claus. Santa is a big man that gives good boys and girls presents. Sometimes people leave gingerbread and warm milk for Santa to eat.

The next day, which is Christmas Day, under the Christmas tree there's a bunch of presents from Santa! In the stockings, there's candy! Christmas is a day filled with hugging, talking, laughing and the most important, EATING!!!! People eat gingerbread, ham, turkey, Christmas cake and cookies. The children drink hot chocolate and the adults drink coffee.

Soon, Christmas is over. People take down their decorations, their trees and the stockings. They wait until next December, when Christmas will come again bringing more presents and candy with it.

Some people believe in Santa, but some people don't. Santa is an old man who gives presents to good girls and boys.

Santa has a reindeer named Rudolph who has a red nose. Some people that believe in Santa leave some cookies and milk out for him, they believe that he ate it. We think the kids' parents just eat them instead.



The best part about Christmas is the presents. It's also really fun decorating a Christmas tree. You can put anything that you want on it, and we always put things that we made on our Christmas trees.

Some people put up wish lists, which have a list of what they want

for Christmas. They stick it to the top of their fireplace. Most people who celebrate Christmas put up stockings on top of their fireplace, where Santa puts their presents. In our families, we put the presents from our family under the Christmas tree and the presents from Santa in our stockings. We sing a lot of Christmas Carols.

People who celebrate Christmas are usually Christian. During Christmas it's not all about the presents, but you usually eat a lot, too. The things people usually eat are; as we said before gingerbread, plum pudding, chicken, hot chocolate, cookies, milk, cake, pie, peppermint, candy canes and a whole lot of other sweets. The reason we celebrate Christmas is because it's Jesus Christ's birthday. Almost all the children who celebrate it love it.

Christmas is very fun and there are so many fun things to do on Christmas. Some families have traditions that they do every year. Some are different from others, but some do the same as others. Some go to their friends or relatives house. Some have their relatives or friends come to their house, or some may go out for dinner or lunch. People do all different kinds of things for Christmas. The fun never ends! It's always so sad for us when Christmas is over, because it's SO much fun.