

## The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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# Eldon Upper Elementary third grade students write to Santa

**The following are Santa letters from Eldon Upper Elementary third graders in Mrs. Cotten's third grade class.**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me an elf and for the presents on Christmas Eve.

This Christmas I am hoping for nails and nail glue and red and blue nail polish and more.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else and help homeless people and my family.

Kindly,  
Karieonna

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving presents and eating my cookies we make.

This Christmas I am hoping for not that much, but I would like a bike. My other bike is broken, and some toys.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else. I plan to give to Winston, my brother a big toy car!.

Merry Christmas,  
Myra Keefe

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for me having an imagination. This Christmas I am hoping for a VR set and a Nintendo switch and a working car for kids.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I will learn how to cook rice for my mom and clean the dishes.

Love,  
Ricky

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you give us and the things you make. This Christmas I am hoping for some COAL and candy. I am also hoping for big Pokemon cards.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to give a present to my friend.

Love,  
Judah

Dear Santa,  
My letter is about what I want for Christmas. I don't really know what I want. I do want a Nintendo switch. I don't know if I have been good this year.

I love Elfie. He is a funny elf and thank you for bringing Lilac to life. And please let my brother get anything he wants for Christmas.

Love,  
Emma

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gifts. This Christmas I am hoping for a puppy, kitten, or a bird.

In return, I plan to do all the dishes for mom.

Love,  
Aubrey

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my Pokemon, chaos theory dinosaurs and my switch games.

This Christmas I am hoping for an electric scooter, the rest of the chaos theory dinos, a moose squish melo, and a pokemon booster that holds 100 booster packs. I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I will protect my family from anything that comes at them.

Love,  
William

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my presents last year. This year I am hoping for a #d dragon and a good Spider Monkey stuffy. I know it is better to give than receive.

Love,  
Dannic

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me the Gabby's Dollhouse lego ship and the stamp last Christmas. This Christmas I hope for a stapler, long boots, makeup, makeup desk, and phone. How do your reindeers fly. I believe in you.

Merry Christmas,  
Anastasia

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my elf twiselse. This year I'm hoping for my own elf on the shelf. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else whatever

they want to do.

Love,  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my gifts last year. This year I am hoping for a big lego set and a big remote control crawler truck.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else and make food.

Love,  
Lane

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you got me last year. This year I am hoping for a remote control excavator and a dump truck, more toy trucks and tractors, some tractor coloring books, toy barns, St. Louis Cardinals baseball from their game that is used, a tractor blanket to go on my bed. And if you can please get me a Highland cow please and thank you please, Highland cow.

Love,  
Chase

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my elf. This year I hope I get a R/C Lamborghini. This Christmas I am hoping for a new phone and football gloves. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else to give money to the homeless.

Love,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my family and my friends. This Christmas I am hoping for an Xbox and a 3D dragon. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else. I will buy for my family.

Love,  
Bryson Fry

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo Switch and a Lego set and I want a baby doll with a diaper and a baby bed and a baby bottle and a baby blanket and a baby pillow and baby pjs and baby outfits and a binkie and a new white teddy bear with a white-red bow tie with a black nose and black eyes and fluffy white fur and a new book.

Kindly,  
Miah

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my gifts last year. This Christmas I am hoping for Snoopy Plushies and Legos and a Snoopy Scooter and a Snoopy bet sheet and Snoop pajamas.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following someone else.

I helped my dad make cookies.

Love,  
Naomi

**The following are from Eldon Upper Elementary third graders in Mrs. Buechter's third grade class.**

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my mom, my dad, my brothers, my friends and my grandparents. We plan to celebrate the holiday by opening presents and drinking hot chocolate.

This Christmas I am hoping for my family to be happy. Also, more dolls like Barbies and Disney Dorabells to be specific.

I would also like a bigger bike with no training wheels and a watch.

I would also love some new books such as graphic novels, Magic Tree House books, history books and books about animals.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I will help make breakfast and dinner. I will also help feed my dog, Addi.

Sincerely,  
Kennedy Bashore

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and grandma. We will go to Kentucky and celebrate with my dad's dad.

We celebrate by decorating some gingerbread houses and gingerbread people. We also decorate the tree for Christmas.

This Christmas I am hoping for toys, Legos, a new Xbox controller, Nerf guns, and a new hat and clothes. For my sisters, they might want toys,

plushies, Barbie dolls, Legos and clothes.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I plan to help my mom with chores. I hope my sisters get cool gifts too. I will leave cookies and some milk for you.

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family including my mom, my dad and my sister.

We will be celebrating by decorating the Christmas tree with ornaments and lights.

This Christmas I am hoping for a Ninja Thirsti, a Owala Water Bottle, and a new Playstation Controller. I hope my family gets the presents they want. Can you help out with that?

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else by sharing, being kind, and by helping around the house. I will be sure to leave cookies and milk for you so will leave the presents behind? Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Jack Jones

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and friends at my house and then my grandparents.

I will celebrate the holiday by piecing together the tree, opening presents, and then eating gingerbread men.

This Christmas I am hoping for an Iron Man mask and a whistle.

I have been helping out with chores around the house and keeping the house clean. I hope this Christmas will be the best Christmas ever!

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else and get someone a gift. I am planning to get a gift for my cousin Jackson because we always play together and I want to make happy this Christmas.

Love,  
Colton Ferguson

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and friends. On Christmas morning, we will wake up, open our presents, and eat breakfast. We will have so much fun.

This Christmas I am hoping for a drone, slime, and a Polaroid camera. I want my friends to come over. I would also like an iPhone 6.

I would also like Barbie dolls, an electric scooter or bike, makeup and a kitten. I was really good this year because I helped with chores, my baby brother and I was kind to others.

I would be happy to get any of these gifts from you!

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else by being kind. I will play with my sister more and I will help with my baby brother.

I love Christmas and I can't wait for you to come to my house.

Love,  
Avery Hoffa

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family, but not my whole family.

We will celebrate by opening presents and I will immediately start using whatever I got. This year I think I may get a plush toy. I hope it is an Axoloti.

This Christmas I am hoping that my friends will have an amazing Christmas and this year I would like an Axolotl Plush because I really like Axolotls and Ferrets, but not the ferret plush.

I was nice this year and I will do my best to help anyone I see sad or hurt.

I know it's better to give than receive so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I will finally clean my room. I will also help my mom cook dinner and help around the house.

I promise to leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,  
Olive Wren Evers

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas by decorating the Christmas tree and having a family dinner. I am going to invite my friend to my Christmas dinner. I am excited to



spend this Christmas with my friend and my family.

This Christmas I am hoping for supplies for my new 3D printer and a 3D pen to go along with it. I hope you can bring this to me because I want to be able to 3D print things for my family and friends. I could also donate to charity.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I want to give dinosaurs to my brother. I want to give a baby doll to my little sister. I will be sure to leave you milk with a special cookie.

Love,  
Mercedez

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and friends. We will celebrate by decorating the tree, opeing gifts and making cookies.

My sister and I plan to sing Christmas Carols and watch Christmas movies while we make gingerbread trains and houses.

This Christmas I am hoping all my friends and family will get together, but I would also like some new clothes and new makeup and skincare.

I would also like a new makeup vanity and a chair to go along with it.

My sister and I would both like to have an Apple iPad too. We would really appreciate it if you delivered this to us.

I know it is better yo give than receive, so this month I plan to I plan to do the following for someone else.

I plan to be kind to my siblings and help my mom clean the house. Please Santa, I promise I will be nice to my siblings.

Sincerely,  
Macece Lynn Stanley

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and friends.

I want to play games with my family. I want to sing songs like "Silent Night." I want to make cookies with my family and friends. My favorite cookies are the ones shaped like stars.

This Christmas I am hoping for a history book because I like learning about the past. I also want "I Survived," books. I also want to give two toys to someone who needs it more than me. I would rather give than receive. I would like if you could bring me some books to read and I could be your helper.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to I plan to do the following for someone else.

I will help my mom do the dishes every day until Christmas. I will help my dad clean the rooms until it is spotless.

Love,  
Mabry Lee

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and friends and we will be eating cinnamon rolls on Christmas morning.

My brother and I are going to open the presents under the tree and then we spend

time with my dad's side of the family.

Lastly, we will go to my mom's side of the family to celebrate.

This Christmas I am hoping for a Google Pixel Nine Phone and a Pacheco Chiefs jersey.

I am going to give some presents to my family. Most importantly though, I will be spending time with my family.

I have been good this year and getting all As at school, so I think I deserve an autographed jersey. If you could get one for me, I would appreciate it.

I know it's better to give than receive so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I am going to give gifts to my whole family. I am going to spend lots of time with my family.

I am going to bake cookies with my family and then I will share the milk and cookies with you.

Sincerely,  
Axel Robertson

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with family and friends. On Christmas morning we will wake up and open presents.

We celebrate by eating ham, dessert, and more yummy foods.

My favorite dessert is fudge ice cream because I love chocolate. It is so creamy and delicious.

For Christmas I am making Santa chocolate chip cookies and putting out carrots for the reindeer. I think Christmas is the best holiday of them all.

This Christmas I am hoping for a vanity. I was nice to my family and friends. I was good in school so I hope you can come to my house with gifts for my sister and I.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I will share presents with my family and help clean the house. I'm looking forward to your visit.

Love,  
Nora Davenport

Dear Santa,  
This year I will be celebrating Christmas with my family and I will go to places like my aunt and uncles, my grandparents and my parents. I am excited because I might see my dad. I hope I see my grandma and grandpa too.

This Christmas I am hoping for a new dirt bike and Playstation. I think I deserve these gifts because I help cook. I also promise to be kind to others the rest of the year.

I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else.

I would like to give gifts to my dad, my stepbrother and my brother. I will also be sure to leave you a treat.

Love,  
Zolen Bilke

The following are Santa letters from Eldon Upper Elementary third graders in Mrs. Ruppel's class.

Dear Santa,  
I am nice to my family and I am a good big sister and I help a lot.

I am great at math because of you and God help me be smart and brave.

Sincerely,  
Katalina

Dear Santa,  
I've been nice to my little sister this year. I get good grades in school because I work hard and believe in myself.

Here's some things I want for Christmas please, My Life stuff, books, makeup, color books, fidget's, shorts, shirts, jewelry, watch, stuffed animals.

Have a nice flight Santa.  
With appreciation,  
Addison Gier.

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. I'm sorry that I fight with my brother, but I try to be good for my parents, but we still fight a bunch. I'm still sorry Santa. I'm trying to be on the nice list but I just want to know that I'm on the nice or naughty list, but I just want to know.

Oh, and do you have friends, because I have friends. The Satna Doll and Miss Class Doll.

Love,  
Zoie

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas, really want a rst car and the veiedius and a elf, so he can tell you how good I been so I can have a lot of uv presits. And can you giv my baby stser and my bruther plees, and I no my dad is in jail, can you giv hem a presit please.

Love,  
Broly Brake

Dear Santa,  
I want you to give all the people the presents they want if they are good.

I hope you are going to have a great night and I think me and the world have been good.

I want 12 books for Christmas. I want to have more chantes books and a lot of papers so please give me these things.

Love,  
Madilyn

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite cookie? Mine is a snickerdoodle.

I have a list on what I want.  
1. Ghost face costume.  
2. Cool pen.  
3. Baby sister  
4. Ps2.  
What is your mom's name.  
See you next year.

Merry Christmas,  
Stiles

Dear Santa,  
I've been wanting a vr. And call you tell my elf's buddy and bubulgom that they have been very funny and cool. Evry day when I wake up and look for them I laghe. I'm not always that good, but I try to help my parents. So Yahh have a good day Santa.

Sincerely,  
Alivia





Eldon High School choir members recently went caroling at the Eldon High School office

**EUE third grade letters continued**  
**The following are letters from Mrs. Wetherford's class.**

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gift you gave me last year. It is a New play set. It was great it was an asylum. This Christmas I am hoping for a vr that is so cool. You can play videos, it's so cool. I know it is better to give than to receive So this month I plan to give it i'm going to give people happy notes so they are happy  
 Love,  
 Cailey White

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you from my family and I for having a good Christmas last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a hoverboard and a new phone. I know it is better to give than to receive so I'm going to buy my siblings a present.  
 Love,  
 Bryer Farris

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for giving girls and boys gifts. This Christmas I am hoping for a four wheeler and a picture of a highland cow.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive, I plan to make breakfast, lunch and dinner for my mom, dad and sister.  
 Love,  
 Rhylea Dieckman

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for coming. I want you to come to my house this Christmas. This Christmas I am hoping for god in my heart and love from my family. I know it is better to give than to receive' so this month I plan to do the following for someone else. like my family, my friends and my cousins.  
 Love,  
 Kenzie Jarvis

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for traveling around the world and how you eat all those cookies but can you tell chary to tp our house please. Thank you for Christmas dinner.  
 Thank you,  
 Ryder Teschner

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for coming to my house. This Christmas I am hoping for my family to have a great christmas. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give people gifts that can't afford it for their kids.  
 Love  
 Adalyn Phillips

Dear Santa,  
 I love Christmas so I wanna wish for you to get my brothers a love note on how much I love them Please and I want a new cat.  
 I also love your reindeers did they enjoy the carrots last year? Please tell Razel I miss her heaven.  
 Love,  
 Aleea Higgins

Dear Santa,  
 I am hoping for a great Christmas this year. Can you give my cat Mila and my Busha peace up in heaven. Can you give people that don't have food and people that don't have a home peace. I hope my friends have a great Christmas this year.  
 Kindly,  
 Quinn miller

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for a good year and Christmas.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for a Christmas and a good new year. I know it is better to give than to receive, so I plan to do the following for someone else to give something to my family class and my teacher.  
 Love,  
 Leon Baker

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for this year. Thank you for the things I'm going to get this year. This Christmas I'm hoping for a dirt bike, a Ps5 and my family.  
 I know it is better to give than receive so this month I plan to do the following for someone else. Give my classmates and my teacher and my family something.  
 Love,  
 Paul Scott

Dear Santa,  
 I really want a hoverboard

and makeup and American Girl doll clothes for Christmas.

I want my big sister to not work on Christmas to see us on Christmas.

From,  
 Peyton Swanigan  
 Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for these past 8 years and all you've done for me. This christmas i am hoping for an Xbox series X and 2k 24 WWE. I know giving is better than receiving ,so this month I plan to do the following for someone else. I'd give my family a t- shirt.  
 Love,  
 Grayson Martin

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for getting me presents every year and making Christmas awesome. This Christmas I'm hoping for a Stanley and a Christmas full of family, friends and fun.  
 I know it's better to give than to receive so I'm gonna try to give people a good Christmas by giving them gifts.  
 Love,  
 Emry McQueary

Dear Santa  
 I thank you for presents and family this Christmas. I am hoping for good food, puppy and family time. I know it is better to give than to receive so I plan to do the following for someone else like my dad, mom and sisters pets and friends.  
 For my mom and dad I might do good deeds and wrap them preasents.  
 Love  
 Hayln Bramon

**The following are third grade Santa letters from Mrs. Penserum's class.**

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for making me happy every Christmas and making other kids happy too. This Christmas I am hoping for some books, a little bear, a Bluey set and legos.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive so this month I plan to help my mom and dad clean the house and help

my sister with her homework when she gets mad. I also plan to be happy even if I get something I don't want because I know you work hard.  
 I will take care of our elf and I will help my parents take care of our pets and I will wake up earlier so can catch my bus.  
 I will stay more focused in class even though it is hard sometimes. I hope I get cash and a Nico plush. I hope things can get better at home. I know you can help with that Santa. I love you Santa.  
 Love,  
 Sophia Wilson

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by house every year and filling my stocking. This Christmas I am hoping for spending time with my family and friends. I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to help my mom get ready for Christmas dinner.  
 Love,  
 Zander Tocco

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for caring for kids and loving them. You are the best Santa.  
 This Christmas I am hoping to spend time with family and friends. I like nothing more.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to get my brother a toy because I love my brother so much. My family is the best in the world.  
 Love,  
 Lily Gail Grant

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for wasting your time making our lives better. This Christmas I am hoping for a dog. I know it is better to give than to receive so this month I plan to help with cooking and be thankful.  
 Love,  
 Ryker Leslie

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for helping my mom with seven jobs. This Christmas I am hoping for a baby dog, a bunny, and a fish.  
 I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to help mom with seven jobs.  
 Love,

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by my house every and filling my stocking.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for my family to be happy.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive so this month I plan to help my mom get her eyelashes.  
 Love,  
 Finley King

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for giving me presents every year.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for a 12 gauge shotgun, an M

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the good presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a silicone baby doll.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive so this month I plan to help mom and dad do Christmas dinner.  
 Love,  
 Evelynnn Lepper

Dear Santa,  
 What I want for Christmas is a 3D printer, kit kats, and some dog toys too! It is because I have a dog and I want to take good care of her.  
 Love,  
 Bentley Gibson

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by my house every year. This Christmas I am hoping for a Dog Day stuffy and Ghostbusters, the video game because I lost the other one and also I want a Eystream comic book Blood Golem Myth.  
 I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to spend time with my family because I am always on my phone normally.  
 Love,  
 Brennan Turensky

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by house and putting gifts under my tree. This Christmas I am hoping for Star Wars legos and WWE characters. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give my friend some gifts.  
 Love,  
 Phoenix Collins

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by my house every and filling my stocking.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for my family to be happy.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive so this month I plan to help my mom get her eyelashes.  
 Love,  
 Finley King

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for giving me presents every year.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for a 12 gauge shotgun, an M

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for giving me presents every year.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for a 12 gauge shotgun, an M

four, and a knife for hunting.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive so this month I plan to help my grandma cook dinner.  
 Love,  
 Eli Parsons

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for coming to my house every year and giving the exact things.  
 This Christmas I am hoping for Vbucks, Robux, and a Pokemon plush.  
 I know it better to give than to receive so I plan to help my mom make Christmas breakfast which is eggs, bacon and waffles. It is good.  
 Love,  
 Abel Stark

Dear Santa,  
 This Christmas I want a pterodctyl toy and magnetic blocks. I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to help my grandma make caramel.  
 Love,  
 Isaiah Nickols

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by my house every year and filling my stockings.  
 For Christmas, I want toy horses.  
 I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to give hot cocoa for free.  
 Love,  
 Emersynn Yoder

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for everything you have gotten me every year. This Christmas I am hoping some Nascar and dirt car toys! I know it is better to give than receive, so this month I plan to get my sister a bracelet braiding set.  
 Love,  
 Rhylen Strange

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for stopping by my house every year and filling my stockings. This Christmas I am hoping for a horse. Please and thank you, Santa.  
 I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to get presents for Jackson and Adeline.  
 Love,



Merry Christmas from the Eckenroths – The Eckenroth children wish family and friends a very Merry Christmas. Pictured are, from left, front: Rivers and Blaise; back: Dakota, Kai and JoJo. (Submitted photo)

**Merry Christmas**

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**Cortainie Wheeler's  
kindergarten class**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Charlotte. I am five years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a purse, a book/notebook and a Taylor Swift doll.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lane. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a remote-control monster truck, an Ipod, and a phone.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Colson. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are an American flag, flowers and Godzilla.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Octavia. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a baby doll, a cat, and a Christmas doll set.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Quincy. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a computer, a smiley face plushy and an American flag.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ransom. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a 5 Nights at Freddy's toy, Rudolph, and Godzilla.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cooper. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a Grinch stuffed animal, a new camera and a treasure box.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Polly. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a lion stuffed animal, a phone and a Push-for-Dance.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zoe. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a baby doll, a snow globe and a Barbie doll.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jackson. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a race car, a fish and an octopus.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Knoxley. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a notebook, a snow globe and a bow.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Thaddeus. I am 5 years old. This year I have



been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a computer, a Godzilla toy and King Kong.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Holden. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are v-bucks, 5 Nights of Freddy toy, and Godzilla.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bennett. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a truck with a trailer, a spider and a snow globe.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mya. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. Three things that I am wishing for are a house, a nutcracker, and a bunny.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Leo. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for include a phone, a remote-control car, and a tree.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Greyson. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a Nerf gun, an iPad, and a PlayStation 5.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elyssa. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a baby doll, a computer, and a puppy.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eve. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a teddy bear, a baby doll and a book.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Molly. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a phone, a fancy purse and an iPad.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cora. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a computer, a Rudolph plushie, and a candy cane.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eve. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things that I am wishing for are a computer, a flower, and a baby doll.

**Shelby Scrivner's  
first grade class**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I want a toy gun and an ATV. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been nice. I want a video game and a baseball bubblehead. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Bristol

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been nice. I want makeup, an Iphone-15 and a real baby dog. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Elliana

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice. I want a gaming desk, a gaming chair and a pc. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Levi

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice. I want an Iphone-15, a squishmallows collection, and a dvd collection. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Eloise

Dear Santa,  
My name is Fisher. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year. I want a hoverboard, a skateboard, and a pogo stick. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Fisher

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I am 7 years old. I have been nice. I want a squishmellow cat, some shoes and a DJ dog. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Kaylynn

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 7 years old. I want a laptop, a violin and a Farm Simulator 22. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice. I want socks, a yee dog, and a bobcat. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Nevaeh

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice. I want an Iphone15, a stingray plushie collection and clip-on earrings. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Brayleigh

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice. I want a pet tarantula, a real snake, a live frog and a turtle. Merry

Christmas!  
Love, Malachi

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice.  
Love, Hank

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been nice. I want a knife, a plier pouch, and a baby dog. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Austyn

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am 6 years old. I have been nice. I want some socks, shoes, and a Christmas tree. I would also like a desk, a rope and some foamies.  
Love, Wren

**Mrs. Ahart's  
second grade class**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dodge Ram 3500, 3rd gen, a Sunburnt Silverado, and a Dodge poster.  
Love, Corbin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Laney. I want a phone for Christmas. I've always wanted one but my parents would never let me have one. I would like a puppy for Christmas. I really want one.  
Love, Laney

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie house and a Barbie. I also want a baby doll for me to play with and a new bike. I want Barbie clothes, Barbie shoes, and a purse. I want a game and a video game.  
Love, Karsyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll house, pencil sharpener, some color pencils, books, a Barbie doll, and a new phone.  
Love, Emersyn

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is an X-Box, if you can make it.  
Love, Tennyson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hunter. I want a toy man that comes with a truck and I want a crashing punk.  
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I would like a phone, a Jeep, a white erase board with an eraser, a shelf, my own teacher's classroom, my own doctor's office, and my own school.  
Love, Haiven

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a new Nintendo game, a four-

wheeler, and a Star Wars Lego set.  
Love, Jeb

**Abigail Davis'  
third grade class**  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a phone and a huge case of mechanical pencils.  
From Robbin

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like some Squishmallows, a phone and a fuzzy blanket. Thank you for all of the gifts that you have given me before.  
Love, Sally

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like headphones with a mic, a Trent McDuffie jersey, and a Clay Thompson Golden State. Thank you for the gifts you have given me before.  
Love, Noah

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like joke books, Legos, Nintendo Switch games and DespicableMe 4 with stretchy arms. Thank you for all of the gifts you have given me before.  
Love, Brentley

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like a 3-D pen. Thank you for all the gifts that you have given me before.  
Love, Delanie

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like a hoverboard, a 3D pen, stretch bands, and books! Thank you for all of the gifts that you have given me before.  
Love, Sadie

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like a 3-D pen, book straps that make you flexible. Thank you for all of the gifts that you have given me before!  
Love Blair

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like Farm Simulator 22!, Farm Simulator 19!, and make sure they're both Phantom edition!  
Love, Arrie

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like a Godzilla, King Kong, a Chiefs blanket and a phone!  
Love, Carter

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I would like Peace on Earth and hot dogs and chips. Thank you.  
Love, Silas

**Tiffani Kidwell's  
fourth grade class**

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a laptop because I could search stuff I need to know. I also want a desk to do my work and a chair. I also want cool lights.  
Love, Liam R

Dear Santa,  
I want a Pat Mahomes jersey, Pokemon cards, football cards, football gloves, footballs, a hover board, an Iphone, a x box, cookies, famous puppy chow, xxx tentacion poster, Chiefs pillow, Gatorade, football stickers, snacks, candy, soda, and chicken noodle soup.  
Love, Liam S

Dear Santa Claus,  
I really want a Christmas Meemow, a bow (I hope you know what I am talking about), Yummy lip gloss plumper and tint, Christmas slippers and pillow.  
Love, Presley

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want some Lego sets and a drone because I like Legos and I want to spy on Micah. Ps. The Legos I want are the Fortnite and the drone has a camera built in it.  
Love, John Mark

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a sketchbook, Lego sets, different types of markers, decorated pencils, Sanrio (Hello Kitty), and Converse shoes. I want those things because they look like fun and I never got those before and I want to be happy and enjoy them. (P.S. – I want a million dollars but I will never get that)And I might never get bored and I want a Meemow.  
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,  
I really, really, really, really want Taylor Swift tickets. Two will be the perfect number of tickets. She has three shows left and it would be soooooo fun to see her! My friend said she got tickets to behind stage. We might go but in front of the stage would be SO COOL!  
Love Alice

Dear Santa,  
Can I please get a hoverboard and cookies and more makeup, a Squishy ( it is at Dollar Tree – it is soft and like a Squishmallow) Please and thank you and also a Twix.  
Love, Hope

Dear Santa,  
Here are some things I want for Christmas – phone, Robux, Stanley, amazing clothing, gift cards, \$100,000,000,000,000, a hover board, expensive stuff, Taylor Swift tickets, and a sleepover with friends.  
Love, Reese

Dear Nene,  
I want a Lego house set.  
Love, Bentley

# T'was the Night Before Christmas



By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,  
  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;  
  
"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER!  
now, PRANCER and VIXEN!  
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!  
  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"  
  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
  
His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;  
  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,  
AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!



# Letters to Santa from St. Elizabeth R-IV

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tegan. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a race car, and two radios, and Batman toys. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Tri to get some rest be for you delivr the presints.  
Tegan H.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bennett. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I have been wishing for: a pet gote, a big stuff, a big elf chale, candy sigrits, and a eleshrit skuter. I will set cookie and milk out for you. I will set out rander food for you. Try to rest befor you set out all of thos presents.  
Bennet P.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Easton. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. These are three things I am wishing for: a football mask, cleats, football gloves. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.  
Easton B.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Waylon. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a real 4-wheeler, a wallit, and a bike. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to get some slep beyfor you deliflr al thos presits!  
from, Waylon T.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cooper. I am 6

years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: an X-box, a ps5, and fortnite. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. I hope you get some sleep.  
Cooper W.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tucker. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: an Ipad, a bote Lego set, and a stuff bear. I will also set out some reindeer food. And try to get some rest befor you dlivr ol fo thos presins.  
from, Tucker

Dear Santa,  
My name is Koren. I am six years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three things I am wishing for: two phones, a poodle, and a cry baby. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to get sleep befor you dliver all those presents!  
Koren W.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Harper. I am six years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three things I am wishing for: a hover board, two phones, and a new puppy. I will set cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to git some sleep befor you delever all those presents!  
from, Harper H.

Dear Santa,  
My name is August. I am 7

years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three tangs I have been wishing for: Lego moters, a Lego Hulk, and a Capten Amereca Lego. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christemas eve. I will also set out radeere food. Try to get some sleep bufer you dlef all of the presents.  
from, August H.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Luna. I am six years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three things I have been wishing for: a Wednesday costum, a Wednesday wig, and a mickrphone. I will set out cookis. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to get some sleep befor you diliver all those presents.  
from: Luna F.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Maryn. I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little bit naughty and nice a lot. These are three things I have been wishing for: a piggie bank, led lights, and rainbow pens. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to get some sleep befor you dliver all those presents.  
from, Maryn L.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylee. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a doll, and a candy cane, and a bike. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Chire to get some sleep befor you have to lever all of presents.



Students vie for the title of ugliest Christmas sweater at St. Elizabeth R-IV

Kaylee V.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Darci. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three things I am wishing for: Ipad, a toy kitten, and bows. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to get som sleep.  
Darci B.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hunter. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three things I am wishing for: Xbox and Ps5, and Call of Dody back Ops 6.

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Chiy to get sum slep befor you dliver oll these presins.  
from, Hunter M.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Grus. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and a little bit naughty. These are three things I have been wishing for: a real 4-weeler, and a car, tracor, a Barbie, a monster. I will also set out some rander food. Try to get some sleep befer you deliver all these presins.  
Grus N.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Finnlee. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little naughty and nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a hover board, a pocet knife, and 2 action figes. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some rander food. Try to get some sleep befor you duliver allllll those presents.  
from, Finnlee H.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sadie. I am 6

years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a Barbie, Barbie cars, and a mini make its. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I will also set out some reindeer food. Try to get some sleep befor you dliver all those presents.  
from, Sadie K.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elijah. I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little naughty and nice. These are three things I am wishing for: an Xbox ten with Minckrafte and fortnite, phone and a pet iguna I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Trie to get some sleep befor you duliver all those presents. I will also set some caretet and grass out for your rander.  
from, Norbert B.

## High Point R-III Santa letters

The following are Santa letters from High Point R-III kindergarten students.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my gifts. I want a Barbie.  
Love,  
Blakely

Dear Santa,  
I would like a race truck. I have been a good boy all year.  
Luke

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a Barbie set. My sister wants a Llama.  
Love,  
Adaline

Dear Santa,  
I would like a unicorn puzzle and a number puzzle.  
Love,  
Sophia

Dear Santa,  
You give a lot of good gifts to us. I want a trumpet for

Christmas. Thank you.  
Love,  
Rayne

Dear Santa,  
Can I get a dollhouse for me and Dani.  
Love,  
Joey

## Iberia R-V first grade Santa letters

The following Santa letters are from first graders in Mrs. Kaitlyn Piggott's class.

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I would like a set of farm little toys. I would like a barn that is big and a deer rifle.  
I would like a PS4 and an iPhone 6 too.  
Merry Christmas  
Conner McDowell

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I would like a mini electric drill and a mustang.  
I would also like a bike jet and a Venom set.  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Michael

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. How are your elves? I have been good all year.  
For Christmas, I want a stuffed unicorn.  
I would also like a snow globe with a unicorn.  
I want a unicorn camera too.  
Love,  
Raelynn Robertson

Dear Santa,  
I love you. How are you? I would like a LOL doll and an iPhone 15. I would also like a baby doll.  
Merry Christmas and love,  
Bryna Keebler

Dear Santa,  
I have been good all year. I would like a knife. I would like a gun. I would like a hoverboard.  
I would like some fishing lures. I would also like a PS4.  
I would like a squirrel feeder too.  
Love,  
Faron Atwill

Dear Santa,  
I was good this year. Can I have some toy cars? Can I have a barn set too, please?  
Merry Christmas,  
Your friend,  
Jackson Fancher

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good all year. I want a snow globe. I want an iPhone.  
Have a Merry Christmas,  
Love, Serenity Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I was good. For Christmas, I want an iPhone. I want a new makeup set and a new princess sweater.  
Merry Christmas,  
Love,  
Brynleigh McDowell

Dear Santa,  
I was good this year. Can I have a bike and a helmet for Christmas? I would also love a Barbie doll.  
Merry Christmas,  
Love,  
Kaylea

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been good. I want a Venom set. I want a spider Venom action figurine. I would also like an Iron Man.  
Merry Christmas,  
Love, Brandy Colvin

The following Santa letters are from first graders in Whitney Holtmeyer's class.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I help my

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa so much. I want an iPhone. I also want a pair of heels. I want a LOL doll for Christmas.  
Merry Christmas,  
your friend,  
Spencer Keeth

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year.  
I want a makeup set. I want some colored pencils in my pencil box.  
Merry Christmas.  
Annlynn Long

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I get good grades. I want some dinos and some new cowboy boots. some work boots and some basketball shoes.  
I'll put out some milk and cookies for you.  
From Hudson Sylvestern

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I help my family. I want a vanity and cute pjs in pink. I will put cookies and milk out for you.  
From Eden Baker

Dear Santa,  
I have been bad. I am sorry. I pranked my parents. I want an Xbox, a T.V., LED lights and a phone.  
I will put some cookies out for you.  
From Dawson Meredith

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I get good grades. I want a golden basketball. I want a VR headset. I can't wait to see you!  
From Remi Martin

Dear Santa,  
I am good. I helped put up the Christmas tree. I want an Xbox and a T.V.  
From Abe Piggott

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I help my family clean. I want for my mom big kid makeup and my sister wants a makeup set.  
From Khloe Stevens

Dear Santa,  
I helped my brother get stuff. Can you get my dad a truck and my mom new nail polish and my little brother a new truck and new backpack and me a new Barbie house and my dog needs a new water bowl.

mom do dishes. I want a bracelet making kit. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
From Bessi Duncan

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I help at my house. I want a PS5. I love Christmas.  
From Lincoln Hodge

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I helped my mom and dad.  
I want a Nintendo and truck.  
I love you very much.  
Ben

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be good. I will help my sister and my brother. I am sorry I have been bad.  
I want a Paw Patrol truck.  
I will have milk and cookies for you.  
From Elijah Weber

The following Santa letters are from first graders in Mrs. Ashley Piggott's class.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Santa, I want Army stuff. I want a football. I want Dr. Pepper.  
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,  
Are your reindeer good? Can I have a drum set please? Can I also have a Squishmallow shark.  
Can I have one that is a skateboard please?  
Thank you Ella

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Can I have a Stanley? Can I have a rainbow high doll. Can I have \$10,000? I love you Santa.  
From Raelyn

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? Can I have a doll for Christmas?  
I want a house for my doll. I want make-up.  
I love you. Love,  
Wren

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf and Rudolf what are you going to put in

I hope you come.  
From Tanya Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good. I have been nice to my friends. I am wanting a big Megazoid.  
I will put milk and cookies out for you.  
From Jaxton Gregory

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I helped my mom and dad.  
I want a Nintendo and truck.  
I love you very much.  
Ben

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Thank you Ella

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Can I have a Stanley? Can I have a rainbow high doll. Can I have \$10,000? I love you Santa.  
From Raelyn

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? Can I have a doll for Christmas?  
I want a house for my doll. I want make-up.  
I love you. Love,  
Wren

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf and Rudolf what are you going to put in



Smiles and a gingerbread house-High Point R-III students had fun making gingerbread houses the week before Christmas.

my stocking.  
Can I have Rudolf stuff and can I have a VCR?  
Can you bring daddy new deer hunting clothes?  
I love you Santa.  
Love Ryia

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? Santa, I want a real life turtle. I want a Rainbow High doll. I want an iPhone/  
I love Santa.  
From, Ava.

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I want a Barbie farm. I want a stuffy Rudolf. I want a dog stuffy.  
I love you Santa.  
From Annalyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been good Santa. Can I have a cowboy hat? Can I have an Elf? Can I have a horse? I like my toys.  
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I am excited for Christmas. Can I have \$100 for Christmas. Can I have a donkey for Christmas? Can I have dominos for Christmas?  
From Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a four-wheeler. I want red roller blades for Christmas? Can I have a phone? Santa, thank you for the presents.  
From Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy Madagascar Lion King and a Bluey Beu house. Please can I have a glow in the dark sword?  
Thank you, from Gus

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? Can I have Army men? Can I have an elf? I love you Santa.  
Love, Jackson

Santa,  
What are you going to put in my stocking? Can I have new cowboy boots? Can I have a hot wheel set for Christmas? Can I have a football?  
How are your reindeer doing?  
From William

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? How is Dancer? Are you going to get me a bike and put my stocking on it?  
I want a speedbike. I want a grabbing hooka and ninja stuff.  
I can't wait.  
From Austin

Dear Santa,  
I am excited for Christmas. I would like a boy toy. Can I have an electric scooter? I would like an iPhone. I love you Santa.  
Love Bo



## The following letters are from Iberia R-V's second and third grade classes

**The following are Santa letters from Mrs. Colvin's 2nd grade class:**

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a tablet? Because to keep me not bored and happy too! Are you happy too? How do you stay warm? What kind of cookies do you want Santa? How do you get in are house when we dont have a chimney? Do you have my little brother a switch?  
Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How cold has it been? It's been cold here. I know that for sure. I hope you have a good Christmas. But past the questions. Please, I want an Iphone! My last question how is Rudolf doing? Anyways bye!  
Love Sadie

Dear Santa,  
How is your day going today? How is it at the north pole? Here is two things I want. First thing I want is mini fridge that has a bobba pitcher. I want it because I want to put my skin care in it. Second thang I want is a easy bake oven. I want it because I can make a cake on a special occasion. Like a birthday and can I also have some sprinkles?  
Love Aspen

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a new dog man books. I hope I get a new bike, so please get me a new bike. I want a book so I can see what I know about you and rudolph.  
Love Kaydenc

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of V-bucks because I am broke on fortnite and a phone cause I never had a phone. By the way how cold is it in the north pole? And i hope to have a good Christmas and I want Nike kicks.  
Love Bronson

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Can I have a tablet? Are you going to eat 100 cookies in one night? How can you deliver presents to the whole world in one night.  
Love Austyn

Dear Santa,  
How is your day today? Can I have the best pokemon cards, because I can win a pokemon battle. This is the last thang that I want it is V-bucks so I can buy skins off of fortnite. Now I have some questions. How cold is it? How much reindeer do you have?  
Love Waylon

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Can I have a elf in my room because sometimes I am scared and I need someone to sleep with me. So I'm not scared. Now time for questions! How

many cookies do you eat every year? Are the reindeer good and healthy? That's all I have! Stay warm Santa!  
Love Kennedi

Dear Santa,  
Hi again it's me Avery. Is it cold in the north pole? Are you doing good in the North Pole? Has your elfs been good? I have been good this year, can I please please have a phone and checkered stanley? I would love to get a phone and a checkered stanley.  
Love Avery

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a watch and give Dean alot of candy and toys. I really do want a watch. I like your elfs and I really like Christmas.  
Love Paul

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Have you had a good day? Can I please get a phone for Christmas please and thank you.  
Love Briley

Dear Santa,  
Can I have beyblades and aura so I could play my beyblades in it. Your elfs are good like you! Have a Merry Christmas!  
Love Joseph

Dear Santa,  
How has your day been? Has it been good or bad? For Christmas I want a Hatchamul Santa. And I want a big ginormous squishy. I have been good I guess.  
Love Hadlee

Dear Santa,  
Could you get me a Fortnite vigors? I have been good this year.  
Love Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I have been good for your elf this year. I would like an Xbox for Christmas and a toy thats a squishmellow. Your reindeers are cool and it would be fun to ride on the reindeer.  
Love, Oliver

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have an Oculus and an Iphone 16 Pro? Thanks for giving us the elves and please tell the elves thanks for watching us.  
Love Reed

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for bringing us the elves. Can I please have a squishy that is a panda for Christmas. Can you get me Hatchamals and a big squishmellow. I would like a new bed too! Thank you!  
Love, Akadia

Dear Santa,  
How has it been up in the North Pole. It must be really cold I bet! Can I please get a

four wheeler for Churstmas. I really, really want one! How are the elves doing? Good I hope! Here is the reason why I need a four wheeler, because me and my brother like to go outside and play. Sometimes we get tired so we can play on the four wheeler instead!  
Love Knox

**The following are third grade letter's from Mrs. Patro's class.**

Helloo Santa. How are the rindeer? Can I have a bearded dragon? I need a heat lamp, food, aquarium, cage, like a big one with toys, and enough room to play. I would also like a VR. I will leav cookies and milk and carrots for the rindeer.  
Love, Jason Snider

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How old are you? Who is your mom and dad? I want a phone to text and call, an art set and snow. I will give you milk and cookies and reindeer food for your reindeer. We don't have a chimney so you'll have to use your magic to get inside. Thank you!  
Love, Cohen Wall

Dear Santa, Hi how have you been? I hope you've been good. I know that I gave you a letter yesterday but I'm at school doing this one. Now I really really want that Iphone SE because I want to be able to have kid's messenger. Please I really want to be able to call Piper....and my other friends. You don't have to get me the cat but if you decide to...don't liste to my dad. Don't let him change your mind. I know that some of my friends don't thing you're real but I know you are. And thats a fact! Thank you for every-thing. I'll keep being good.

Merry Christmas!!  
Love Elaina Brakefield  
Dear Santa, How are you doing in the north pole? I love the elf you sent me and my family. We all love the elves. Do you want cookies or milk or hot coca? I want footed pj's, a hello kitty stuffed animal, a candy cane, Minnie Mouse stuff animal, the Wicked dolls, Mikey Mouse bike, playground trampoline. Wake me up when your at my house! Thank you for the presents. Love, Ryleigh Russell

Dear Santa, How is it at the North Pole? Is it good or is it bad? How do you get the elves the magic? I want a Iphone so I can call my mom and dad. Please! I really want that Iphone! Next, I want a bike so I can ride around the house outside. Last, I really really want to see the reindeer so I can feed them carrots. Bye! I hope you have the best Christmas ever!  
Love, Hattie Wisdom

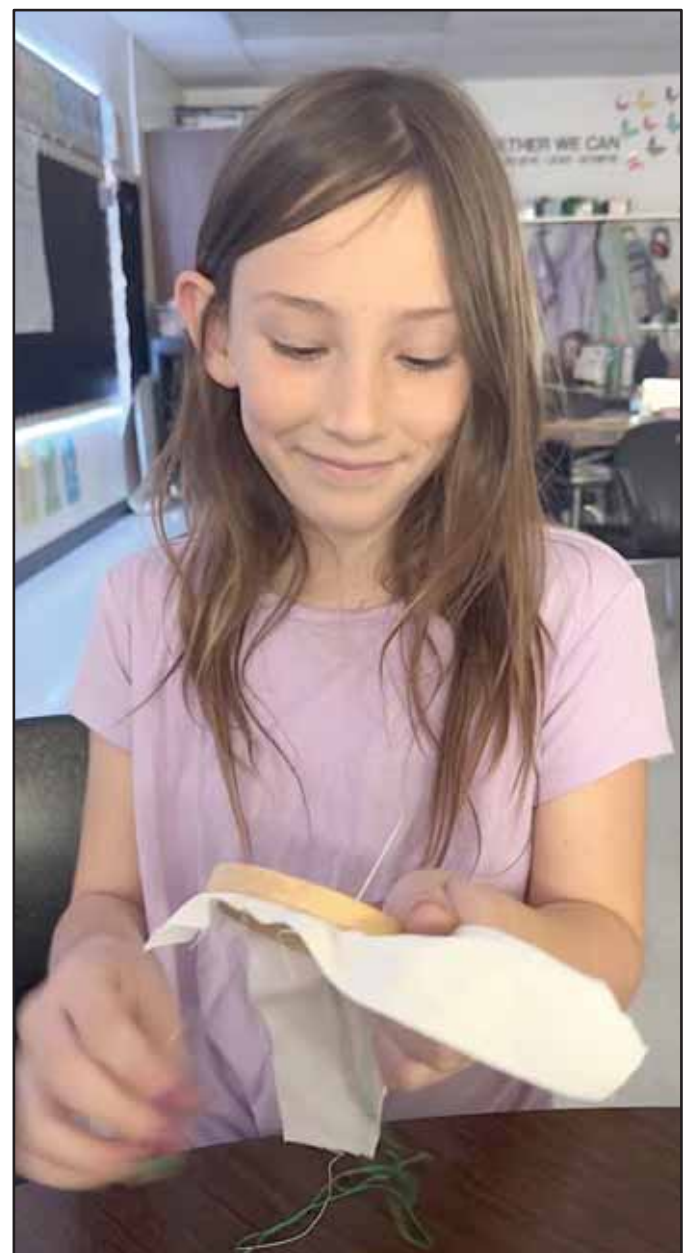
Dear Santa, How are you doing? When is Clid and Snowy coming back? Anyway, this is all I want. I want a basketball so I don't have to fight with my brother. My brother should get coal for Christmas cause he is mean to me sometimes! Anyways, I want a ticket to the Chiefs SuperBowl game if they mack it. I want an arm sleeve for basketball, a stanly, I want it to be blue, white or purple. Now lets talk about questiyons....How cold is it at the North pole? How old are you and Mrs. Clause. Oh! Can I also get a watch, please please! Marry Christmas Santa since I donut get to see you on the day of Christmas.  
Love Emree Luttrell

Dear Santa, How has it been at the North Pole? Is it really cold? How do you stay warm? How do you keep the elves in control? Can I have cross stitch to do something when I am bored? And to make gifts for friends. I want Magic Mixies to have a bigger collection of them. I want a pack of Diary of Wimpy Kid books so I can get more AR points. Hay Santa! Do you want chocolate chip or M&M cookies? Chocolate milk or normal milk? Be careful when you get to my hous I have a guard dog, she will try to attack you soo be careful! Thank you Santa! I wish you good luck!  
Love, Cozette Gudgel

Dear Santa, How are you doining? How cold is the North Pole? For Christmas I want a Revive Skate board so I can have fun skating. Minecraft Mine Coin gift card so I can buy cool templates, a full sized arcade machine so I can play fun games with Hudson. More Minecraft lego sets. That is all I want for Christmas. Did you know that Jesus'es Birthday is December 25? Merry Christmas  
Love, Harrison Sylvester

Dear Santa, How have you been? How do you see in the dark? Can you please give me a gift car for Xbox? I really want it so I can play with my friend because I feel bad for him having to work everyday and sometimes at night. Can you also get me a new headset so I can talk to my friends and a new phone so I can call my friends. I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you for gifting me my favorite toy. Merry Christmas  
Love, Prineden Booker

Dear Santa, How old are you! I'm about 9 years old. I am turning 9 in April, 27 I want a phone for Christmas so I can text my friends at night and we can talk. Santa I want a new baseball bat really bad because my other won is too tine for me. Hey Santa



Students in Mrs. Patro's class learned how to embroider Christmas ornaments

what milk do yo what chocolate milk or white. I know that the reindeer want carrots. Santa I wonder what Roodolf looks like? I know he has a red nose thats why they call him Roodolf the red nose reindeer. Santa have a great Christmas with your elfs and Mrs. Claus.  
Love, Kinser Piggott

Dear Santa, My name is Piper. Do you remember me from last year? How do you even deliver sooo many presents in one day? Anyway I want 2 presents please. Okay so I want some roller blades because at The Zone I tried them and I got used to it! I also want a coloring kit because I am bored on the week-ends. Thank you so much for all the presents that you gave me in the past!  
Love, Piper Bowman

Dear Santa, I am Lyla. I am finally 9! How do reindeer fly? What type of cookies are your favorite? I am sorry that Kaylin touched the elf. I want a fone, a Big L.O.L, a L.O.L pet, L.O.L baby and a L.O.L OMG doll. Santa watch out for Zoy. Zoy is my dog. She will bark and I bet you don't want to wake up my family. Thank you!  
Love, Lyla Snow

Dear Santa, My name is Brantley and I am in third grade. Be ware of my of my dogs! They mite bark at you. Santa Claus how do you stay warm. Santa for Christmas can I have a lava lamp and can I have a pair of headphones, and LED lights for room and a LED light sign. Merry Christmas Santa! Thank you!  
Love, Brantley Plemmons

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Makinlee. How old are you? Are you ready for Christmas? What I want for Christmas is a snow globe this year. I want a cat so much! I also want a glitter box, a light up cup, a sticker stash, pompoms, a squishy pillow, a gumball machine, led lights, a reindeer dress, glowing books, and a cute squishmallow. I will leave you cookies and milk. And carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Makinlee Liedel

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Allee Kissingner. For Christmas I wanta baby doll to play with. I would also like and art set or a jolrey box to put my jelrey in. It's a Christmas tradition to read the Christmas story from the Bible.  
Love, Allee Kissingner


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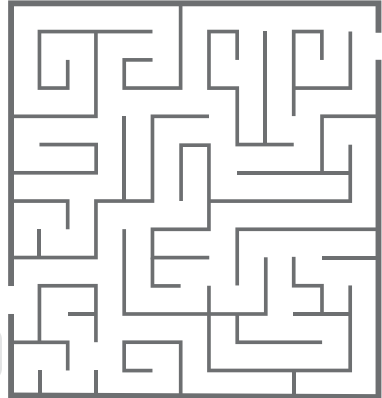
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# OLOS students write about what Christmas means to them

The following are “What Christmas Means to Me” essays from students at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School.

What Christmas is..

By Kenzie B

Christmas is a time with lots of snow and ice on the ground. It is a time to go to church and spend time with Jesus. It is a time when you sing Christmas songs and give gifts.

It is also a time when there are a bunch of presents and holiday cheer. Christmas is a time when you spend time with family and when you get to bake cookies and give them to family and friends.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Hatti S

To me, Christmas is about going to church and celebrating Jesus' birthday. It is about spending time with my family and cousins. We get to watch christmas movies and play games. Christmas is sharing food and beverages like turkey and soda.

Christmas is giving gifts like a sweater, new shoes and a new car. It is all about helping others like doing laundry, baking and setting the table.

Christmas is all about spreading holiday cheer!

What Christmas is ...

By Colton M

Christmas is going to church to Celebrate Jesus birthday. It is being able to open presents on Christmas eve.

It's a time to help others, put up decorations and a time to make cards for others.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Jax K

Christmas is a time where people celebrate Jesus's Birthday. People decorate their houses with christmas trees and get ready for santa clause to come to town and I watch christmas movies.

Christmas is the best time of the year because JESUS IS BORN!

Christmas

By Liam L

Christmas is all about going to church to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It's about spending time with family and jumpin on my brothers beds.

I love when the bells ring and I wake up to snow and get to pla with family, build a snow man and drinking hot cocoa. Christmas is a time of spending time with friends and family and sharing gifts with them. Christmas is laughter and cheer for Jesus' Bday and christmas morning.

What Christmas Means

Charlotte G

Christmas is a time to have fun with your family. It is to spend time with family and to play with your cousins. I like to go to my grandma's house.

I like opening gifts on Christmas. I like to play with the toys I get for Christmas.

I like to go to church with my cousins on Christmas Eve. It is fun playing with my cousins and opening gifts at my grandma's house.

I like getting off school for a long time. I like sleeping in when it is not Christmas. If it is Christmas I will wake up really early.

What Christmas Means to me

by Oliver H

What Christmas means to me is waking up at 6:00 to see if he came. And reading the note he wrote for us. And then I wait for everyone to wake up. Then I comodo gaming on YouTube and other things on YouTube like Top 5 gaming and Nick a 30, Typical Gamer, Spy Cakes and Beautiful Ob. Then Alex wakes up, and then Alex and I get our stockings. Then my mom and dad wake up. Finally, we open our presents and see what we got. We then go to Grandma and Grandpa's where we eat lunch open gifts. We play in the snow, make a snowman and snow forts. That's What Christmas means to me. Merry Christmas!

What Christmas Means to Me

ByAnna B

This is a story about what Christmas means to me; and what it means is not about the presents, it's about Jesus. It's not about receiving them but instead giving the presents to others.

You better not cry about it if you don't get what you want

because at least you got presents. Some people don't even get a single gift, they don't even get a home so appreciate what you get because it's special. Christmas is so fun because you have all the snow, joy, presents, family, friends, and so many more things.

Jesus is the son of God. Jesus died for our sins, was crucified, rose from the dead, taught us, helped us believe in him and God.

He helped spread the news. That's what Christmas means to me. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Maddie SG

We have a tradition where we go to church with our family and then we have dinner and dessert. Then we open presents.

Us kids play with the stuff we got. Peighton and I do dances then it's time to go. But that's not what Christmas is truly about, it's about Jesus. That's what I think about when I'm in bed trying to sleep. Then when it's morning I go outside and see our manager lit up and baby Jesus looking up at me. That makes my day.

That's all I think about at Emily's but then I forget. Then I look at Colton and he reminds me all the time. Mrs Varner and Father say God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. We are learning, serving and praying every moment of every day. We are Cougars!

What Christmas Means to Me

by Vivian P

Christmas means decorating for the birth of Christ. We hang stockings and put up a nativity scene. Christmas also means going to church to worship Him. We go to church to pray and praise God.

We also spend time with family and friends. Receiving is not the only thing we do at Christmas, we also give. We not only give presents to our family but we also give to people in need.

At Christmas we get one of those gift boxes that people in need get for christmas. Giving toys along with toothbrushes, clothes, and coats can make their day. Christmas is not getting presents, but giving presents.

What Christmas Means to Me

by Nolan S.

To me Christmas is a time of giving and Joy. When Christmas comes I always get this little feeling of excitement and love. It makes me do things that I would not normally do.

Plus who does not like presents. I also like spending time with my family playing games. Christmas is also going to church and preparing for Jesuse's birth. Christmas is the happiest time of the year according to me.

Christmas is a time of being happy, so if you are not happy you need to cheer up. Christmas is preparing for Christ. So this is my meaning of Christmas. Merry Christmas!

What Christmas Means to Me

By Magdaline B

What Christmas means to me is the time I spend with my family and Jesus. On Christmas day my family and I open presents and watch movies like Home Alone, Elf, Christmas Vacation, Christmas Chronicles, The Grinch, Christmas with the Kranks, The

Christmas Story, Polar Express, Home Alone 2, and I Will Be Home for Christmas, but we always remember it is not about presents. It is not about presents because it is about Jesus. You might think it is about presents, but you need to remember, Jesus was born on Christmas day. Christmas day is important. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What Christmas Means to Me

By Brooklin.B

This is what Christmas means to me - It is spending time with family and friends, and going to church and praying with my family and friends. I love going to both grandmas houses and spending time with my cousins.

We always have these crazy traditions. One time we had to pick a number out of a hat and then we got the present with that number on it. We

always have crazy traditions, and my cousins and I always have so much fun hanging out with each other.

It's always what they say, the most important thing is not just the presents. It's spending time with family and friends, going to church, and celebrating Jesus' birthday. We all should celebrate Jesus' birthday, go to church, and spend time with Jesus Christ our Savior. The End

The True Meaning of Christmas

by Jace L.

It's not about presents. It's about Jesus being born in a barn. It's about joy. It's about caring for others.

The True Meaning of Christmas

By Brena G

The true meaning of Christmas is about Jesus' birthday. I think some people forget that Christmas is not about getting presents. Christmas is about giving presents, not getting presents.

I like giving presents to people because it makes me feel good and happy. I love seeing people's happy faces when they receive a gift.

On Christmas everyone should thank God for being able to be with their families and get to celebrate Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas really is special because Jesus and God are our Savior and the reason we are on the earth. I hope now everyone truly understands the true meaning of Christmas because it is important to know and learn about it. The End

What Christmas Means to Me

By Henry D

This is what Christmas means to me because it is not about giving a big list to Santa or rushing on Christmas day to the tree to see what you got.

It is about preparing for Jesus. It is about Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem, and the kings giving gifts to Jesus.

I get it if you love to get gifts too, but make sure you pray to Jesus in the day and night. I hope Santa brings you some gifts on Christmas.

Advent is coming and a good way to celebrate Advent is to have an Advent wreath in your house.

What Christmas Means To Me

By Brody S

Christmas is about the gift of Jesus and is about giving and sharing. What my family and I do for Christmas is go to my grandma's house and have Christmas there. We unwrap our Christmas presents there, and then we pack up and go home. Then we go clean the house, go to sleep, and then we wake up and go to our others grandma's house with our cousins, aunts and uncles and we unwrap presents. Next, we have lunch and we go play. Finally we go home and play when we get to our house.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Elsie S

This is what Christmas means to me - Christmas is a time to be with family and friends and to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is never about the presents, it's about the birth of Jesus.

Christmas is about Jesus and Jesus means love, hope, joy and peace. Jesus brings all of that to the world. That is why we celebrate Him. He even died for us.

We all should thank God for bringing Angel Gabriel to Mary to tell her that she will have to travel to Bethlehem to have the Son of God. That is what Christmas means to me.

What Christmas Means to me

By Romie G

Christmas to me is the time spent with family and friends during the holidays and the importance and celebration of Jesus' birth. Family dinners, gift giving, and decoration are all cherished memories that come about this special holiday.

Christ's birthday is our main focus and event of this time and each year is celebrated with lots of laughter and joy.

Christmas is a holiday loved by all, all around the world sparking the feeling of happiness worldwide all thanks to Jesus. It is his birthday only that has such an effect of gratitude and thankfulness.



Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School students presented the annual Christmas concert last week

As I've grown older the gifts I've been given have become less and less, the center of the holiday. It's not that they have lost their meaningfulness but my eyes see that the true joy is found in the moments surrounded by your loved ones. Those matter the most out of anything else. The surge of blissfulness remaining unmatched every year this Christmas occasion comes around. The family traditions, each unique and fun in each household.

The preparation for Christmas beforehand, in the form of the Advent season is also a joyful time as everyone is eager and anxious for the celebration of the Lord's special day. My family tradition is celebrated the day before Christmas Eve.

We celebrate with a generous Christmas dinner at our grandparents' along with the sharing of presents then going home that night to celebrate Christmas morning with family. This special and beloved holiday will always be a reason for joy, giving and full of love. May all cherish this time of year.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Nicholas V

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. It is not all about Santa and receiving presents. During Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus. During the Christmas season we celebrate his birth. Family is very important during this time of the year. I get to spend time with my family, eat good food, play cards and enjoy the time spent together. The Advent and Christmas seasons are a wonderful time of the year to celebrate the wonderful things in our lives.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Ellie S.

Christmas is the season where we celebrate Jesus being born. It isn't about getting or giving presents, it is about Jesus. Christmas means that Jesus was born. Jesus is the true meaning of Christmas.

I like getting and giving presents on Christmas day, but what I'm really happy about is that we are here because of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are all on this earth because of Jesus, and that is what Christmas means to me. Jesus is my favorite thing about Christmas because he came down from heaven and into our lives to help us be in the house of God.

He was born to save us from sin. On Christmas I spend time with family and friends. Christmas comes at the

conclusion of the season of Advent. Advent is when we prepare for Jesus's birth. Advent is the first four weeks of December. Advent and Christmas are two of my favorite times of the year.

What Christmas Means to Me

by Gus P

What Christmas means to me is gathering with family. Christmas is a time to have more food than usual like every holiday. Christmas is also a time to give and receive.

The most important thing during Christmas is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the saint named Nicholas who gave gifts back in the Middle Ages also known as Medieval times.

One of the more important things to me is that Winterfest happens, which is a Fortnite event that lasts from close to the beginning of December and ends on Christmas day.

The last thing that Christmas means to me is you get two weeks off school. That is everything that Christmas means to me. What does Christmas mean to you?

What Christmas Means to Me

by Tre B.

Christmas is a special time for me. I like to spend time with my family, exchange gifts and play games.

During Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of the year and means a lot to me.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Madelyn D.

For me Christmas means getting to celebrate the birth of Jesus with my surrounding loved ones. Many people lose the real meaning of Christmas, with Santa Claus and all of the toys and gifts you are receiving.

Yes, all of those things are fun and exciting but it is not the real meaning of why we have this wonderful holiday. Christmas is a very special holiday because in the time of Advent we are preparing and waiting for the birth of Christ, and when Christmas rolls around all of the waiting is done and

now you can celebrate. Every Christmas Eve, my family and I go to the Christmas Eve mass at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. This mass is always very unique, and is always very full.

During the Christmas season my family and I try to visit as many family members as we can, and the time we spend with them is so special during this season and holiday. Many memories are

made during the season of Christmas, which we cherish the memories that are made in their hearts.

What Christmas Means to Me

by Jessi W.

What Christmas means to me is not the gifts, the money you get, or the food. Christmas is about spending time with family and friends, and the people you love.

For a four year old, Christmas means that "Oh Mommy! Daddy! Santa came!" and they are excited to open gifts and could care less about only spending time with family.

But, as a fourteen year old, Christmas means that you could care less if you don't get a gift or not, because that is not what it's about. The only thing that matters on Christmas is that you are there together as a family and you cherish every moment of it.

So at Christmas don't spend so much time thinking, "Oh I wonder what Grandma got me!" Only think about how you are so lucky to be together as a family on Christmas Day; and don't waste a second of that.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Jacob E

Christmas is a special holiday when we celebrate Jesus' birth. We spend time with our friends and family. It also means to worship and praise God. Christmas is the time to talk about Jesus, the one who opened the gates of heaven for the people who are good in the world and not evil.

We go to church to worship Jesus and we go to church on Christmas to talk about how Jesus was born in a manger and how he opened the gates of heaven so that we could go there when we die.

I go to my grandparents house to open presents and have dinner to celebrate the day that Jesus was born.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Alayna W.

Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus's Birth and get to spend time with family and friends. We go to Mass Christmas eve with our family, and it is always packed and there are never any spots to set, so we squeeze in the pew.

After Church my family and I usually go to our house to eat, and open one present from our parents. After everybody leaves the house I sit down on the couch and read T

he Night Before Christmas. Christmas morning we wake up and open our presents from Santa, and then we have





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## OLOS students write letters to Santa

**The following are Santa letters from students at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School.**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are having a grate day. I want a here diamond set. I've ben trying to be good.  
Can I git a baby and baby close and a been bag ples.  
Your friend,  
Emery C  
Dear Santa,  
I've ben crying to be good. Can you make a toy remo contrl triseratop car and I wunt a toy spedbot remo contrl that kan go in wotr.  
Your friend,  
Carter B  
Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doall.I want bolts.I want bibs.I want apolos.I want snack sntaners. I want workbuks.  
Love,  
Isabelle V  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a tramsformrs. Your friend,  
Indy  
Dear Santa,  
I chried to be nise. I wunt a jrone. I wunt a Paw PatrI that shoots the carz. I wunt a cntrl monstr chruck that gloz. Thank you for wut you gave me las year.  
Your friend,  
Jayton H.  
Dear Santa,  
I have ben good this year. I wunt a stuf amnul cat. I wunt a per of markers. I wunt a xbox one and the game minecraft.  
Your friend, E

Carson L  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good time at the North Poll. Do I get monster trucks this year? Again? That is whi I love monster trucks so much. Thank you for the trane table.  
Your friend,  
Derrick A  
Dear Santa,  
I have ben very good. I whont a puppy. I whont a rainbow blanket. I whont a kitin. I whont a mermad toy egg. I whont a beenbag. I whont a toy mermad.  
Your friend,  
Brandy V  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Oliver S. I hope you are feeling well. I am be-ing good. I want 400 V-Backs.  
Your friend,  
Oliver S  
Dear Santa  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like for Christmas is stuffed animals and super kitties. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you.  
Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love,  
Ella H  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 3 years old. I have been good all of the time. I would like a tractor this year and I promise to leave out cookies for you.  
Love,  
Merida

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like a princess and pink ball for Christmas. I will leave out cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Lilah K  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. I have been good all of the time this year. I would like a calendar and go kart this year. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Maelyn S  
Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a optimus prime t rex. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you.  
Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Patrick A  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. What I would like most this year is a Minion gun and unicorn purse. This year I have been good all of the time. I will leave out cookies and milk for you!  
Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love,  
Austin L  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 4 years old and have been good some of the time. I would like to have a monster truck with a dinosaur face and controller for Christmas. I promise to

leave a toy for you.  
Love,  
Cohen S  
Dear Santa,  
This year, I would like a doll and a slide for Christmas. I am 4 years old and have been good all of the time. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Konley C  
Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good all of the time and am 5 years old. I would like a monster truck with a remote control and a stuffed dog. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Kinsley G  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am four years old and have been good some of the time. I would like to have a trampoline and baby doll for Christmas. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!  
Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love,  
Hattie C.  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 3 years old. I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a train and dinosaurs and I promise to leave out donuts for you!  
Love,  
Jameson K  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. I have been good all of the time and would like a

puppy with a bookbag and sticker and I promise to leave out milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Amelia W  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a trampoline and a Barbie with stickers. I promise to leave out cookies for you.  
Love,  
Mia K  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this year is monster trucks and transformers. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Rhen K  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old and have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is makeup and a dog. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!  
Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love,  
Sadie B  
Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 3 years old and have been good all of the time. I would like monster trucks and a bulldozer for Christmas. I promise to leave

out cookies and water for you.  
Love,  
Braylon B.  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Caroline. I have been very good this year. I really like your majik. I would like a flying unicorn and if you can't make that I want a barbie camper. I love you.  
Love,  
Caroline K  
Dear Santa,  
This is Emmett. I have been very good this year. I really like your reindeer and Roodoff. I would like a remot control car this year.  
Love,  
Emmett K  
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I really like your slay. I would like a Pokemon ball that a stufee comes out.  
Love,  
Wade K  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Ada and I have been very good this year. I really like your majik. I would like a necklus this year.  
Love,  
Ada K  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Hoyt. I have been very good this year. I really like your rander. I would like a hors or a pokemon this year.  
Love,  
Hoyt

## Christian holiday season traditions

Many adjectives can be used to describe the holiday season, including festive, jolly and religious. Another word that may come to mind is tradition. Traditions factor heavily into holiday celebrations of faith and family.

According to The Public Religion Research Institute's "2020 Census of American Religion," 70 percent of Americans identify as Christian. Data from the Pew Research Center indicates that 55 percent of Canadians identified as Christians in 2018. Millions of Christians will be celebrating Christmas this year, and many of those celebrations will feature cherished traditions. Here are some popular Christian traditions during the holiday season.

**Advent calendars and wreaths**

The word "Advent" is derived from Latin and means "coming forward." Advent is the four-week period preceding the Christmas celebration. Advent wreaths and calendars typically are part of

Christmas in Christian households. Advent calendars are sold in stores or can be made as craft projects. Most of them contain small prizes like chocolate treats or other trinkets behind each date on the calendar. Advent wreaths have four candles (three purple and one pink). One is lit each Sunday of Advent. The evergreen wreath signifies continuous life.

**Nativity scene**

Another popular religious tradition is setting up a nativity scene. A nativity scene places the focus on Jesus Christ. One tradition involves moving nativity figurines closer to the manger leading up to Christmas, and placing the infant Jesus in the manger on Christmas Day.

Some churches and towns also put on living nativity scenes, in which adults and children dress up, and together with live animals, depict the manger scene.

**Christmas caroling**

Caroling has a long history and was originally tied to winter

solstice celebrations. Christians started singing carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many of the songs carolers sing are traditional religious hymns. During Advent, carols will herald the coming of Jesus. After Christmas, carols are even more joyous in nature.

**The three masses**

Midnight Mass is a special celebration that takes place in the late hours of the evening on Christmas Eve. It is the first liturgy of Christmas that begins at midnight. It originated in 430 AD under Pope Sixtus III in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The popularity of Midnight Mass grew by the 12th century, when the celebration of three Masses on Christmas day was granted to all priests. Midnight Mass is treated as a solemn High Mass, which involves singing and praying by the light of candles. A Mass at dawn is the second Christmas mass, followed by Mass of the Day, which is the midmorning Mass of the Christmas celebration.



Christmas is steeped in traditions are well known, Christians also embrace various religious traditions at this time of year.



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