

# Kids' KOrner

## A Very Short Christmas Story

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Once upon a time a little girl named Natalie was so excited about Christmas, that she and her little sister, Lisa begged their mother to sleep under the Christmas tree with its cozy, twinkling lights, on Christmas Eve.

You see the snow was falling outside. Inside, the only lights burning were the little ones on the tree. So it was very, very snug.

In fact, the sisters begged to open the brightly-wrapped presents immediately, but Shelby, who was one year older than Nata-

lie, and a very disciplined young girl, said "No, we will open our gifts on Christmas day." She had the voice of authority even before she was 10 years old.

Shelby wanted a good rest in her own bed. She thought part of the Christmas fun was knowing you had to wait to open your gifts. In fact, waiting made the fun better.

The three had another sister named Tracy. She was between Natalie and Lisa in age. They also had a little brother Weston. Their brother Seth was born later.

Tracy was just as excited as her

sisters, but she also enjoyed sleeping in her own comfy bed. So even though she loved cuddling under the tree in her flannel nightie, Tracy didn't insist on sleeping there.

Natalie, (nickname "Boombie Dawn") had less control over her Christmas excitement than the others. Sister Lisa (nickname "Kitch Ann"), was almost as bad. Like urchins, they crawled around under the tree, handling the gifts until some of the pretty paper tore

at the corner.

"Oops! well, since it's ripped, we'll just peek through the hole for clues," they said, with sneaky grins.

Their mother wanted all her children to be happy. So when Christmas day arrived, sometime after midnight, after everybody had a little nap but it was very dark outside, the family gathered around the beautiful Christmas tree.

Presents were passed out. Bows

and paper went flying. When it was over, there was no place to walk because the floor was covered with discarded boxes and wrappings.

Everybody was happy. Even the little mouse that sneaked in sometime and stole the chocolate Hershey Kisses taped to one present. Bad mouse. Well, at least he left behind the foil wrappings. That way they knew he'd called at Christmas.

## A BEAR-Y MERRY SEASON



## Circle Your Favorite Answers

- KINDS OF CHRISTMAS TREES**  
A. shiny white B. fresh evergreen C. shiny silver  
D. artificial green
- FAVORITE TREE DECORATIONS**  
A. popcorn balls B. twinkling lights  
C. tiny animals D. Angels
- BEST TIME TO TRIM THE TREE**  
A. Christmas Eve B. after Thanksgiving C. two weeks before Christmas D. a week before Christmas
- FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SMELL**  
A. pies baking B. oyster stew C. turkey/ham  
D. homemade cookies
- FUN PLACES TO BE ON CHRISTMAS DAY**  
A. cousin's B. Dad and Mom's C. Grandparents  
D. friend's house
- WHAT KIDS DO ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON**  
A. go sled riding B. play new games C. electric train D. chase each other through the house
- THINGS ADULTS DO ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON**  
A. rest B. visit C. wash stacks of dishes  
D. tell the rowdy youngsters to settle down
- DIGNIFIED THINGS DONE AT CHRISTMAS**  
A. church programs B. singing hymns C. saying prayers D. giving food, money and gifts to needy people

## Christmas Word Find

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Words are up and down, across, backward and diagonal.

Angel	Gifts	Manager	Star
Baby Jesus	Grandma	Ornaments	Trees
Bethlehem	Greetings	Pretty paper	Vacation
Carols	Lights	Skates	Wise Men
Games	Love	Snow	Worship

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 PPUEBEAGUPRRPOGECANE  
 MKNAMPNI I JFNUOFVTGC  
 ESEERTSHAFATMASKATES  
 HXMMPYSTLMTCNMMTCDLA  
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## Gingerbread Jamboree

**HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)** — Gingerbread Jamboree is a museum program that includes the classic movie for children, The Gingerbread Man, and gives each family the opportunity to make an individualized Gingerbread person to take home. The film will be shown at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. followed by the craft activity on December 28 and on December 31.

Families will enjoy this activity which is free with museum admission.

The Hershey Museum is a non-profit organization, administered by the M.S. Hershey Foundation and is located at the west end of the Hersheypark Arena.

For more information contact The Hershey Museum at (717) 534-3439.



## Can You Choose The Correct Answer?

(check in the Bible, Luke 2)

- WHO GOT SCARED ONE NIGHT IN FIELDS NEAR BETHLEHEM?**  
A. coyotes B. soldiers C. Angels D. shepherds
- WHY WERE THEY IN THE FIELD?**  
A. guarding sheep B. looking for treasures  
C. traveling to church D. waiting for robbers
- WHAT UNUSUAL THING DID THEY SEE?**  
A. northern lights B. an angel C. falling stars  
D. a jet airplane
- WHAT UNUSUAL MESSAGE DID THEY HEAR?**  
A. a storm was coming B. a new president was elected C. new missionaries arrived  
D. a Savior was born
- WHERE WOULD THEY FIND THE SWEET NEW BABY?**  
A. in the nearby hospital B. in a lowly manger  
C. in the king's castle D. in a crib.
- WHAT MADE SO MUCH NOISE IN THE SKY THAT NIGHT?**  
A. the Lancaster Mennonite school chorus B. the heavenly host praising God C. Boston Symphony Orchestra D. A comet shooting across the sky
- WHAT WAS THE NAME OF JESUS' MOTHER?**  
A. Elizabeth B. Mary C. Martha D. Lydia
- WHERE DID JOSEPH AND MARY GO TO OFFER A SACRIFICE TO GOD?**  
A. the sea of Galilee B. temple at Jerusalem  
C. a Nazareth carpenter's shop D. Mount Sinai