

# Christmas takes on different meanings

## CHRISTMAS POEM

Have you ever stopped to wonder  
 The night of Jesus' birth.  
 Laying in a manger of wood  
 and straw and earth.  
 Angels were heard singing  
 Telling shepherds with their flocks  
 Go one and all and see  
 your king - The Christ, the  
 Son of God.

A star up high was shinning,  
 Leading Kings from far  
 off lands, to the tiny  
 stable where to the baby lay  
 in his Mothers hands.  
 O Dear Jesus, Lord of  
 Heaven and of Earth  
 Help me to remember they  
 Humble, blessed, birth.

JOANNE SMITH  
 GRADE 8  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## CHRISTMAS

Snow falls on  
 The ground  
 Lights light up  
 The town  
 Christmas is here  
 and almost New Year's  
 So have a good year  
 and the best to you.

MARLO TRAPANI  
 GRADE 6  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for joy,  
 Christmas is when you get a toy.  
 It's when you sing along,  
 in a song.  
 It's when you say...  
 It's Christmas day!

CECELIA WILLIAMS  
 GRADE 6  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas is a time for sharing;  
 Loving, laughing, giving, caring.  
 Hanging up the mistletoe:  
 Rolling in December snow.  
 Christmas is a time of joy  
 For every little girl and boy.

APRIL YATSKO  
 GRADE 6  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## DECEMBER

This is why I like December so much:  
 It has snow, fun and holidays, gift-giving  
 and such.  
 You see, I like December when snow starts  
 to fall  
 And wit hicicles hanging, very slim,  
 straight, and tall.  
 And December holds Christmas, when we  
 give and receive  
 With anxieties building until Christmas  
 Eve.  
 December is peaceful: I enjoy it alot.  
 Because December has these things; the  
 other months do not.

JOAN SEAGRAVE-DALY  
 GRADE 7  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is near.  
 It's bound to be here.  
 With joy, love, and caring.  
 We all should be sharing.  
 The Lord was born one bright day.  
 And in such a glorious way.  
 What a wonderful time Christmas is!

WENDY KUNISKAS  
 GRADE 6  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## A KOALA CHRISTMAS

I want a present  
 from Santa Claus,  
 Maybe a Koala Bear  
 with tiny paws.

AMY MANISKAS  
 GRADE 3  
 DALLAS TWP.

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas isn't just opening and  
 receiving presents. It is a very important  
 part of the year. It is Jesus'es birthday.  
 Jesus'es birthday comes once a year that  
 is why it is so great. When Jesus came to  
 us he promised to be with us. That is why  
 we celebrate Christmas each year.

JACKIE JONES  
 GRADE 6  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON

Christmas is my favorite season,  
 There is no reason,  
 Why we shouldn't be happy,  
 I wish we would get a flurry,  
 to make everything right.  
 I wish Christmas would come in a hurry,  
 to shine my star bright.

JONELLE FABIAN  
 GRADE 6  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas day,  
 When children play  
 What a day! I say  
 So I hop on my sleigh  
 And go away.

HARRY HAAS  
 GRADE 3  
 DALLAS TWP.

## CHRISTMAS

As snow descends upon the earth and  
 Christmas time is near, we give gifts of  
 love to those that we hold dear. For  
 Christmas is for sharing and showing that  
 you are caring...

So as you hear sleigh bells ring and the  
 lovely little children sing remember the  
 meaning of Christmas is not what you've  
 received, but what you have given to those  
 in need.

RACHEL SCHALL  
 GRADE 7  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

## GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

We hung our stockings in a row.  
 We trimmed our tree with a bowl.  
 The snow outside was falling white  
 O, what a beautiful sight!  
 Our Christmas lights gave off a glow  
 Those lights shimmered in the snow.

SUSAN LUKSIC  
 GRADE 8  
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# Dear Santa:

(These letters were found at the local  
 post office one day last week. We  
 borrowed the letters to reproduce them  
 and then forwarded them to the North  
 Pole. They are shown here exactly the way  
 they were written.)

### DEAR SANTA,

How is the North pole I'm doing good  
 down here in Dallas. But I just wanted to  
 write you a letter because I got a letter  
 from you. and I just wanted to thank you  
 for it. O my sister got hers and my daddy  
 too. all of us were happy to get from you. I  
 was excited when my dad told me. I hoped  
 today was christmas day then I can open  
 my presents and play with them all day.  
 Well, I must be on my way (good-bye.)  
 Santa.

LOVE  
 CHRISTINA GIOVANELLI  
 GATE OF HEAVEN  
 (R.M.A.)  
 REMEMBER ME ALWAYS

### DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I hope you come to my house on  
 Christmas Eve. I live in Dallas,  
 Trucksville, Pa. My dogs won't hurt you. I  
 hope you have some nice things for me and  
 others. We'll leave cookies and milk for  
 you, and nine carrots for your reindeer  
 (including Rudolph, of course.) You  
 have brought me many nice things, and  
 my pets also. Thank you. xxxxxxxxxx

LOVE,  
 SUSANNAH STAIR  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

### DEAR SANTA CLUS,

I would like Stay Alive, Scrabble, a  
 cabagepatch kid, and a blue sweater. I live  
 in Shavertown, 44 Belford St. I hope you  
 think I have been a good girl this year.  
 Thank you for coming Christmas Eve if  
 you do. I wish you and all your helpers and  
 Mrs. Clus a Merry Christmas and a Happy  
 New Year. I don't have a chimney, you  
 will have to come in our garage. Merry  
 Christmas.

CHRISTINE STUART  
 GATE OF HEAVEN

### DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been waiting for Christmas a long  
 time. I hope that you know my Grand-  
 mother and my Grandfather are going to  
 be at our house for Christmas. They never  
 spent Christmas at Harvey's Lake before,  
 so I'm hoping we can all have a wonderful  
 Christmas. I will leave some cookies,  
 milk, and carrots out for you and your  
 reindeer. Merry Christmas!

YOUR FRIEND,  
 BRIGITTE SCOTT

### DEAR MRS. & MR. CLAUSE

I hope you could makeit to my hoase. I  
 hope you don't get a cold or your slay  
 breaks. I can't wait for you to come. I  
 don't know how long it takes you but I still  
 hop you stay real saff. I hope you get to our  
 house.

LOVE,  
 SARA LUKAS  
 GATE OF HEAVEN