



Gia Lockhart



Rashida Waddell



Kristen Johnson



Courtney Harris

Opinion At OLOC

What Is The "True Meaning" Of Christmas?

Each year, the Christmas buying season seems to begin earlier and earlier. While the day after Thanksgiving may mark the first "official" Christmas shopping day, many retail establishments have long since been decorated in their Christmas splendor. As children compose their Christmas wish lists, frantic parents scurry from place to place, trying to make as many of their children's wishes as possible come true.

Amidst all the holiday season's hustle and bustle, has the "true meaning" of Christmas gotten lost in the shuffle? Post reporter Audrey Lodato decided to go to the children to find out what they think Christmas is all about. Here's what students at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic School on Statesville Avenue had to say.



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Courtney Harris, seven years old, is a second grader. Courtney lives on Park Road. "It means that we can celebrate Jesus' birthday and be thankful for the things that we have."

Eight year old Kristen Johnson is a third grader who lives on W. 8th Street. To her, Christmas means "when Christ was born." Kristen added that "we give presents to Jesus by loving Him. We love our family, so we give presents to each other, too."

Luther Caldwell is in fourth grade. Luther is 10 and lives on Beatties Ford Road. Luther explained, "It means when Jesus was born, and we celebrate all the gifts we get on Christmas."

(See additional children's responses in next week's Post.)

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Gia Lockhart, a five year old kindergartener who lives on Beatties Ford Road, gave her explanation of what Christmas means to her: "You have to be nice so Santa Claus can come."

First grader Rashida Waddell, a six year old from Herrin Avenue, **Christmas Trees**

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