

# What Christmas Means

Recently, the Kings Mountain Herald asked fifth grade students in the Kings Mountain School District to write an essay on "What Christmas Means To Me."

Some 300 students responded. Principals and teachers in the five elementary schools were assigned the tough task of judging the essays and choosing one winner from each of the five schools. That was an almost impossible task, but after reading and re-reading the essays, and sharing opinions, the

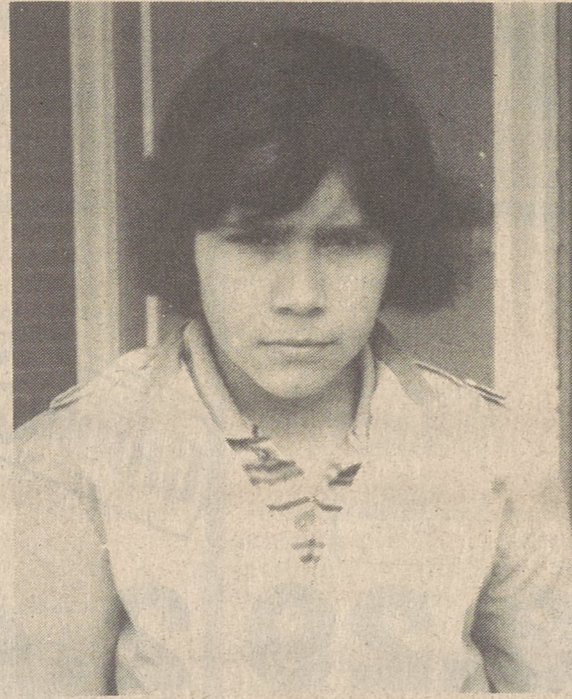
judges came up with the winners. They were Oscar Ortega, North School; Jennifer Surratt, East School; Ronnie Oliver, Grover School; Angela Parks, Bethware School; and Mandy Conner, West School.

The five winners will receive a plaque from the Herald. Their essays, and some of the better essays of other students, are listed below and on other pages.

Christmas means a lot to me. It just doesn't mean to get presents. To me it means that you celebrate Jesus' birth and give thanks to see people happy and laughing about Christmas. My family puts up a lot of different things on the Christmas tree.

We invite friends to eat dinner with us. I like to give people presents to see their faces when they open the present I gave them. I like to see children that are four and five years old meet Santa at stores. That is what Christmas means to me.

Oscar Ortega  
North School



Christmas means a lot to me because I care so much about Jesus. Getting presents is fun, but that doesn't mean so much. I mean I like getting them, and I appreciate them, but I always think of Jesus on Christmas. Christmas is a time for blessing, and is also a good time to meet people in your family that you don't get to see very often. Christmas is a time for joy and cheer for everyone.

Ronnie Oliver  
Grover School



## North

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was the son of God. Jesus was born in a stable. The star that God put over Bethlehem was the sign that the son of God was born. The star brought people to worship baby Jesus. Wise men brought Jesus gold and silver. They were shepherds that came to worship baby Jesus too. That's what Christmas means to me. Today some people think it is just a "present giving holiday" but it is not. It is the day that Jesus, Our Saviour, was born.

Dana Sisk

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a lot to me and I like to get toys and games for Christmas and Christmas make everybody happy and if you is poor do like the people in the book my teacher read to our class. In the book the little boy put a litter on the tree and saying he was poor and he want something for Christmas and your father and mother can not by it. Merry Christmas.

Tonya Gill

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means when we put up our Christmas tree and the decorations on it. We put decorations on our windows and door. We also put our Christmas cards on our door that people gave to us. We go to see Christmas lights. And open our Christmas presents. We open our Christmas presents on Christmas Eve. We also go over to our Grandmother's house and eat. On Christmas Day our daddy is coming and give us our Christmas presents from him.

Cheryl

## East

### What Christmas Means To Me

First of all Christmas means to me the birth of Jesus Christ, who died for all of us. It is the time for giving thanks and love for each other. Children get gifts and toys. We get to get Christmas. It also means family gatherings with cousins and aunts. We get to get lots of candy, apples and nuts. Mother cooks lots of food.

We have to go to bed and wait until Santa Claus comes and brings our toys. We get to help mother make cook for Santa.

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas to me is the birth of Jesus. Who died for us all. I am thankful my grandfather is here with us for another year. I like to open presents. I like it when everyone is happy.

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a lot to me. It means love, happiness and joy to the world. We sing songs of the Lord's birth too. Most people think that Christmas is a time to receive gifts. Well it is, but it's also a time to get together and give gifts. Have you ever thought on Christmas besides that gifts it is also the Lord's birthday? Well, that's what Christmas means to me.

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a lot to me. It means the day Jesus was born. An angel came and told Mary about the birth of her Son.

Christmas means that I get a lot of presents from everybody. It also means that you might get to see your whole family. I can play with my friends on Christmas because we can play with each other's toys.

## West

### What Christmas Means To Me

To me Christmas means no school, plays about Christmas giving presents, getting presents, Christmas carols, putting up decorations, making arrangements, making decorations and getting together with my family and friends.

Billy Cathey

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is a time to show love and a time for happiness. Christmas is special to me because Jesus Christ was born on that day. Christmas is a time to be thankful for your family and your friends.

To me Christmas also means to give gifts just as the wise men gave to Baby Jesus long ago.

Christmas is a time for togetherness with family and friends. We also feast on lovely dinners, open gifts, laugh, sing, and we talk about Baby Jesus. To me on Christmas it is our turn to say that we care about one another and how we feel.

Elena Roof

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas to me is a time of celebration. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ who died on the cross to save our sins.

Another thing that makes Christmas special is that I get to see and celebrate with other family members. Sometimes we invite my grandmother to eat Christmas dinner with us. We also exchange gifts with each other.

Also I like to decorate the Christmas tree when just my family is together. It is also fun to decorate the house and the outside tree.

Those are a few things that makes Christmas special to me.

Gail Hardin

## Grover

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means a lot to me. Christmas doesn't mean that you just get toys. Some people think Christmas is just toys, but it isn't. Christmas is a fun time, but it is also a special time.

Christmas was when God sent his son Jesus to us. God sent Jesus to us because He loves everyone in the whole world. Like the Bible says, "God so loved the world so much that he gave his only son." (John 3:16).

This is what Christmas means to me.

Leigh Anne Stewart

### What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is the peace, joy and love. The peace is when no one person is working. The peace is of Christmas time. The joy of Christmas is that all the family gets to come home. The joy is of Christmas. The love of Christmas is that everyone gets to be together. Love is opening presents with family. But eating Christmas dinner and Santa Claus is not all that's to Christmas. But the Saviour we praise today was born.

Kelly Broome

### What Christmas Means To Me

To me, Christmas means joy. It should be a happy time because it's Jesus's birthday. It should also be a happy time because you can be with your family.

I think Christmas is the best time of year. Sometimes on Christmas time seems to just fly away. I sometimes wish that Christmas would last for more than one day. I really do like Christmas.

Angela Hawkins



To me Christmas is a time to celebrate Christ's birth. It is also a time to share love and friendship. Christmas is when our families all get together and exchange gifts and love.

To me Christmas is the most important holiday of all because if God would not have sent his Son we wouldn't be here or have any chance of eternal life.

It is a time to go out and help others in their time of need. Christmas is when there is joy, happiness and peace all around us. I hope to have the best Christmas ever.

Mandy Conner  
West School

## Bethware

### What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to love and to give, not to take away from others. Don't forget Jesus was born on Christmas. Don't take away from others. Don't be a scrooge on Christmas. Be nice, give to others, and don't take away from them. Be nice on Christmas. Don't lie on

Christmas. If you get a bike on Christmas don't say you got a motorcycle.

Billy Ramsey

### What Christmas Means To Me

It means merry to everyone on earth. People celebrate Jesus' birthday and when they do it makes Him real happy to see them celebrate. When other people are out for Christmas we

celebrate for the Lord God.

Marlin S.

### What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is that Jesus was born. I love God. At Christmas we sit at the tree at grandmother Putnam's. My Aunt Peggy tells us stories.

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Christmas to me is fun. Christmas is a time to give and get gifts. What does Christmas mean to you? Does it mean time to go to sleep and wake up and see gifts? Or does it mean time to sing? It means to do both. For it is a happy time of Christ, and time for love. Love for the Lord. Love for our home, clothes, food and Mom and Dad. But most of all, love for God. Christmas is the time to love people. That's what Christmas means to me.

Jennifer Surratt  
East School



Christmas is my favorite holiday. It means candy, Christmas dinner, presents, Christmas plays, church programs, decorating the Christmas tree, and especially, no school!

During the Christmas holidays my family celebrates the birth of Jesus like most families do. We read the Christmas story on Christmas Eve.

Sometimes we spend Christmas at a relative's house. I like that because it means no cleaning up supper dishes. Wherever we are and whatever we are doing, Christmas means being with your family as you celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Angela Parks  
Bethware School