

# Living Life!

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Christmas is coming! But what is Christmas really all about? Giving gifts? Singing Christmas songs? Decorating our houses and trees and yards? Celebrating the soon beginning of a new year? Santa Claus?



Actually, Santa Claus is a myth. You can read about him at [www.stnicholascenter.org/Brix?pageID=35](http://www.stnicholascenter.org/Brix?pageID=35).

There was really a man named Nicholas who used to help the poor by giving them money. Read about him at [www.stnicholascenter.org/Brix?pageID=38](http://www.stnicholascenter.org/Brix?pageID=38).

In the midst of all the gift buying and everything, let's not forget the birth of Jesus. True, no one knows the exact day of Jesus' birth. Our culture tells us it is December 25. The exact date isn't important, but remembering Jesus Christ *is* important.

Read more about the true meaning of Christmas at [www.christiananswers.net/christmas/home.html](http://www.christiananswers.net/christmas/home.html). (You can watch a movie on that website, too.) You can also read part of the true story of Christmas on page 3 of this magazine.



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My family really loves Christmas! Before December 25<sup>th</sup> we go to church to worship God. We sing songs about the birth of Jesus and children act out the story of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. Our pastor preaches about Jesus the Messiah.

We decorate our homes with beautiful Christmas lights and decorations. Every December I put a sign and wooden figures in our front yard so that our neighbors don't forget that this is a celebration of the birth of Jesus.



nativity scene in our front yard

On Christmas Day we drink tea and have eggs and "birthday cake" for breakfast. This "cake" is really a huge cinnamon roll that has a candle in the middle of it. We light the candle and sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.



Christmas birthday cake

(The recipe for making cinnamon rolls and this Christmas birthday cake is on page 5 of this magazine.)

Before we open our gifts on Christmas Day (December 25), we read the story of Jesus' birth from the Bible (like the story on page three of this magazine). Then we pray and thank God for sending Jesus so that we could have eternal life. And after that we open our gifts and have a fun time.

We usually have guests join us for a big turkey dinner. Mmmm ... it's really yummy!