



Hi,
 I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! I know
I did! I loved seeing my family. We played
 games and ate delicious food. I can't wait to
 go back later this month for the holidays.
 In my family, we have traditions that began
 many years ago. Some of them are listening
 to stories, making ornaments, and giving to
 others. Plus, I am going to events in the area.
 Hopefully, I will get to see my friends in the
 Ju\$t for Kid\$ Club. What is your favorite
 part about the holidays? What traditions
does your family have?
Your Friend,
Janny Javec



### DID YOU KNOW?

- The first snowman dates back to at least the Middle Ages.
- In 2008, the tallest snowman was built measuring a whopping 122 feet 1 inch tall in Bethel, Maine.
- A snowman is made up of 80% air.
- The average weight of a snowman is 112 pounds.
- In 1950, Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson wrote the popular song "Frosty the Snowman."
- The legend of the Abominable Snowman is still told, even after it has been disproven.
- To make a steady snowman, put a small dent on the bottom of each snowball.

## TRADITIONS

When I go see my family for the holidays, we have a lot of fun. My sister, Samantha, and I each get to unwrap one present on Christmas Eve. It is always a book and everyone takes turns reading. After we read the books, we each get to make an ornament to hang on our tree. One year, I made a handprint, but I also love using cookie cutters to make all sorts of shapes. What family tradition would you like to ask your parents to start this year? ΟΚΙΕΣΗΑΣΚΨΑΝΖΑΑΓΑ K W P O L A R E X P R E S S O H O C K C F Z Q O H H N D M O S W M X ΗΗUΗΤΤΙΜΙΥΥΟΟΗΟΥ HARGMPRFXMUMVRAIE BGNIXGXNZVUIOGISK CJYUSFPTPYYRARSHN R X A P K T Z L A D W A S H C E U DGJOMKMIAZJCYRNST HNYSZLAAEUELIUCMC O S M J R V T H S J X E J W Q I R QNKODDDOLCIJVMFRA KNSLFGVZFIAATJPAC T M K F Y K X R M Q G R C U N C K TYOMDUUSWSLHOFCLE RTHEGRINCHLQTLIER K G Z P S Y E B K N A N H S S G E

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### ORNAMENT MAKING

# WHAT YOU NEED:

1 cup flour 3/4 cup salt 1/2 water ribbon paint or markers cookie cutter

- 1. Mix 1 cup flour, 3/4 cup salt, and 1/2 cup water together in a bowl.
- 2. Knead it until everything is evenly mixed.
- 3. Roll it out to a quarter-inch thickness.
- 4. Use the cookie cutters to cut out shapes. You can make handprints too!
- 5. Make a hole or two for the ribbon.
- 6. Let them air dry for three days.
- 7. Paint and write the year you made it.
- 8. Add the ribbon and hang on the tree or give them as a gift.





## GIVING BACK

My favorite tradition is giving back. Christmas is not only a time to receive presents but also to give something in return. It could be as simple as making a heartfelt card or volunteering at organizations that help those who are less fortunate. I have been told a few of the kids in the Ju\$t for Kid\$ Club go caroling at nursing homes. Even some of the C&N employees volunteer at different places like Goodies For Our Troops and the VA Hospitals.

Did you know that C&N has a program called Giving Back, Giving Together? This year, they are supporting our troops. So far, they have raised over \$68,000. Imagine how many veterans and their families that will help in our area? If you have saved over \$100 this year, bring the coupon below to your branch, and we will add \$5 to your account. This year, there is also the option to donate the \$5 back to support local military servicemembers in need, if you choose.



FOR

#### AROUND THE WORLD

#### South Africa

All schools and many businesses close for the entire month to spend time with family and friends. Like the United States, many people have a tradition of caroling on Christmas Eve. Although it is in the middle of the summer, they still decorate with stockings and trees. Santa Claus, known as Sinterklass, will come and bring gifts. Because gift-giving is done year-round, gifts are not the highlight of the season.

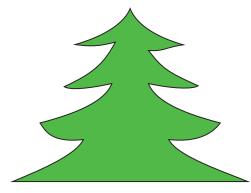
#### Switzerland

In Switzerland, they see Santa Claus on December 6th when he visits homes and schools, bringing treats to well-behaved children. Unlike when he comes to the United States with his reindeer, he is accompanied by a donkey and a dark-clad assistant. Christkind, or the Christ child, bring the tree and gifts on Christmas Eve night.

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For each word below write the first thing that comes to mind. When you are done, rewrite them in the story below. Did it make you laugh?



Animal	
Name	
Color	
Body Part_	
Verb	
Holiday	



You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen,

Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen, but do you

recall.... The most famous \_\_\_\_\_ of all? name , the \_\_\_\_\_nosed \_\_\_\_\_ had a very shiny \_\_\_\_\_, body part and if you ever saw it.... you would even say it \_\_\_\_\_. All of the other \_\_\_\_\_(s) used to laugh and call him names, they never let poor \_\_\_\_\_ join in any \_\_\_\_\_ games. Then one foggy \_\_\_\_\_\_ eve, \_\_\_\_\_ came to say; \*\*\* "\_\_\_\_\_, with your \_\_\_\_\_ so bright, won't you guide my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sleigh tonight?" Then how the other \_\_\_\_\_(s) loved him as they shouted out with glee; "\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_-nosed \_\_\_\_, you'll go down in history." animal