

Breakfast Town

## What Christmas Means to Me

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The most important thing to me about Christmas is spending time with my family.

During Christmas my mom and I make sugar cookies. Every year my uncle comes to visit us and my uncle loves the cookies my mom and I make. He really does. He eats a lot! Our family has a tradition where we all get winter pajamas on Christmas Eve. Me and my uncle get pajamas and wear them. We have another tradition; we open just one present on Christmas Eve. I usually pick a small one and leave the big ones for Christmas Day. One Christmas we had an elf called Pickles. One time he was hanging from toilet paper! Also one time he was on the Christmas tree where we could not find him! He was really fun and sneaky. Maybe he'll come again this Christmas.

Every year our family comes together at my house, but sometimes on Christmas my family goes to visit my grandpa. We all have a big dinner that I help cook. Then we all open each others presents too. Every year I make my mom a Christmas card, because I love her. I give her the Christmas card on Christmas day. She is always happy that I made her a Christmas card. On Christmas, my cousins, sisters and brothers all go outside to play. You might imagine us all throwing snowballs around, but It does not snow though in Florida. However, we still have fun playing outside. Also on Christmas we all have fun decorating the Christmas tree together. We also hang up all of our stockings. My dog passed away, but he has a stocking we still hang up. We leave out cookies for Santa and carrots for the reindeer. Soon we go to sleep, and when we wake up and Santa has left us presents!

Spending time with my family is very special to me. It might seem like we do not do a lot on Christmas and I don't really care if I do not get a lot of presents. It is so special to me to spend time with the family that I love and care for, and to spend memorable times with them on Christmas. That is what Christmas means to me.

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