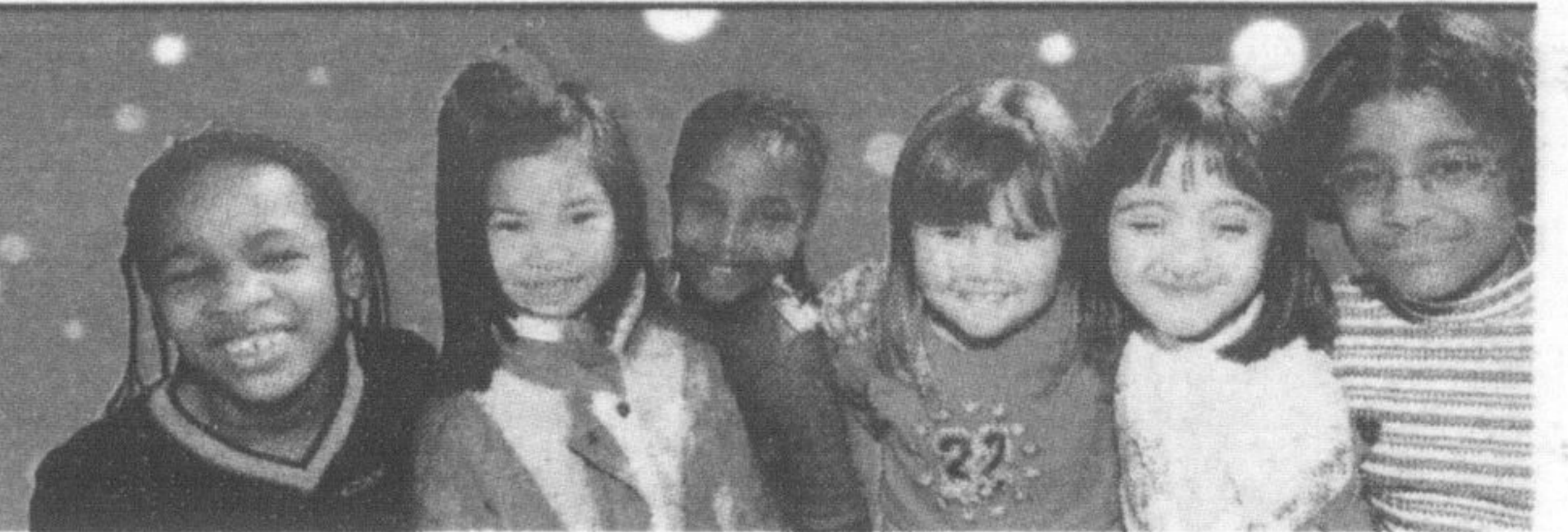


What Christmas Means to Me



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My family doesn't celebrate Christmas. We celebrate something called Yuletide, which is on the first day of winter. We celebrate it on the 22nd of December. What Yuletide (Winter Solstice) means to me is getting together with your family, having fun, and getting to learn other things about your celebration. My favourite part is having the big feast and trying new things my family has brought. What's really special to me is that people don't celebrate this and that's what I like about this celebration.

QUINN KRUEGER

What Christmas means to me. Christmas is a time when a family gets together and celebrates Jesus. Then my family gets together and we have a big dinner, while we think of Jesus. Then we usually go upstairs and open up presents. Sometimes I feel sad when I open up presents because some people in other countries don't get presents. Sometimes I take some presents and donate them to organizations that give to families in need. After that, I go home and

go to bed. While I am sleeping, I think of people being happy. That is what Christmas means to me, loving and caring for each other.

BRIANNA SMITH

Christmas is a time when we receive and give gifts to others. Christmas Eve is when we get together and have a feast. Then we go to bed and leave some cookies and milk for Santa, or in other words, Old Saint Nick. In the morning we wake up and go down to the Christmas tree, and find our stockings full of toys and candies. After that we get to open gifts that others have given us. At then at the end of the day we feel very good. I love Christmas.

RYAN MOORE

Christmas is a time that gives me happy thoughts. Christmas is not always about receiving gifts, it is all about having peace and showing how much you care and appreciate everything and everybody. On every Christmas, my family, cousins and I go out for dinner together

and have fun. This is how my family enjoys our Christmas. I love Christmas!

VICKY VONG

What Christmas means to me. Christmas is about people getting together and celebrating the birth of Jesus, and giving and receiving presents from loved ones. It's about kids thinking about opening their presents and getting excited for Santa Claus coming. It's about decorating the house and the Christmas tree, also hanging up stockings. It's about being with your family and having a great big turkey dinner with lots of stuffing. The best part of Christmas for me is waking up on Christmas morning with my sister and going to the living room and seeing all of the presents under the tree. I love wrapping up my Mother's gift and to see her reaction when she opens it.

JOSHUA HOLLINGS

What Christmas means to me. When I think about Christmas I think about a beau-

tiful Christmas tree in my living room with presents under it. However, Christmas isn't about getting presents, it's about celebrating Jesus' birthday. Christmas brings joy to the world. Christmas is when your family gets together and celebrates. When it is Christmas you can play outside in the snow. My favourite time of the year is Christmas.

SARAH MACLEAN HOWARD

What Christmas means to me is my

family coming together and having some fun. I don't only celebrate Christmas I also celebrate Diwali, it is very fun. You get to spend time with your family, and you get to see fireworks late at night. My family tradition is whenever Diwali is over we give toys and clothes to the poor. To me Diwali means to spend time with my family. Then we all gather together and have tea. Diwali is the best time of year.

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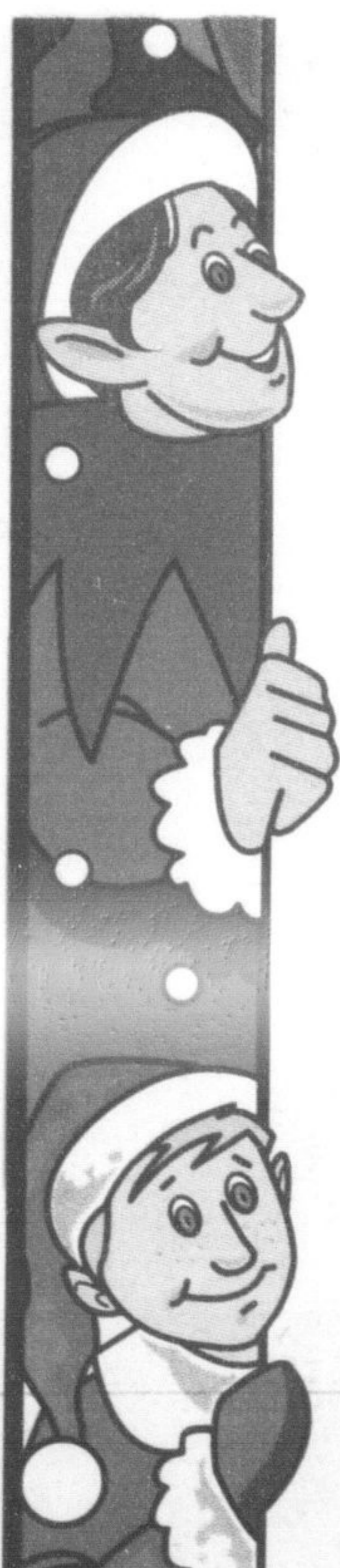
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