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Sheridan School First Grade Continued...

dear santa, HOHO Saanta
I liv in Sheridan hou are you fin I love you hou old are you? I wot a toy and I bet you are 1 year old. HOHOHO.
Come see me.
Hannah Kallina

dear santa
hou are you i am fin. i liv in sheridan. hou old are you? i wot a ninja turtl. i wot a stinky.
come see me
Glory Simmons

Dear Santa
Will You braag Me A Cat Plees Plees Plees Will You And A Dog And A Moom And A Dad I love You Mom and Dad
Joe Yuenger

dear santa,
I want a ninabdn for Christmas and I want a computer. For Christmas. I want a linosin soi can go for a ride.
Love
Arturo Garcia

Dear Santa,
santa, if you breg me a presents you will get a presents i want a knife. i live in Rock Island.
love
brandon henry

dear santa,
i want a video game mreo 1 3 4 and 5 dolers
andrew varley

Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a computer. I want a trin. I want a money.
Sincerely,
michael k

Dear Santa
My name is Gilbert. This is what I want for Christmas here it is a threewiler and some money.
Yours truly,
Gilbert Kutach

Dear Santa,
I know you are so busy. Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a Puchpatrol. And a dog. And a Chapter. And a big star And Radoe, and malmanes. And phone. And some toys. And a hors.
Yours truly,
Shelli Layton

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a key bord and a suit and. I want a m.c hammer doll and I want glasses and I want a swimming pool and a day bed and a water bed a play house and some movies and I want home alone cold stone and I want a christmas tree and candy canes
Yours truly,
Acey Banks

Dear Santa,
My name is Rachel. I was a good girl. I am 9 yerd old. I am in 2 gard. I want a books. And I want new shoes. And I want some money. And I want some new clothers.
Love, Rachel Estrada

Dear Santa,
Are you busy Santa. How are you doing this Christmas. Here is what I wwant for Christmas. I want a baby that talks and a watch that talks. And I want a little doll. I am happy that it is all maost Christmas. And I want a Christmas movie for Christmas. And my name is Cortney Sims.
Your friend,
Cortney Sims

Dear Santa,
I want a M. C. Hammar Doll and Arkie Doll. I want a jump rope and money.
Yours truly
Bennie Glover

Dear santa,
How are you Santa. Can I have sumthing for christmas. if I be good I would like a four weeler a toy masheen gun a boxing ring and boxing gloves a book a dictionary
Love,
Frank McClain

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a keyboard. I have been a good boy. Thank you for all the toys you gave me last year.
Love
Ruben Cantu

Dear Santa,
All I want for christmas is a babrie and a new bicycle and a big doll house. I also want a Tea pot set and lots other things.
Love
Leila Bagett

Dear santa claus
santa claus my sister was sum stocking red. santa claus i wunt sum toy. santa claus my brother wus sum toys. santa claus i wunt sum cryon. santa claus my sister wus sum cryon. santa claus my brothers wus sum crayons.
Love
Alida Garcia

Dear Santa,
Hy Santa for Christmas will you bring me a lots of toiz? For Christmas I want a horse an a baby rabbit an a twostory house an two mor things a traplen an a baby pupey.
Your friend,
Larry Ross

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22 for Christmas and a gokarts and a pogputrol
From,
John Mieth

Dear Santa;
I have been a good boy. Have you? All I want for Christmas. Is Akeybord and a gun and a baye pupey and a game boy and a new horse and all the boy toy I havent said.
Yours truly,
Kolt Miller

Dear Santa,
I wud like four new gockaert, and I wud like to have a new christmas tree. And I wud like to have a new bike. I wud like to have a pupe plise. And wud you lete me see rudoffe plis.
the end from Johnny
Sincerely,
Johnny Edds

Dear Santa,
I Hope you Will Give Me my Presents. and I Been Good in my school. and I Been lerning a Holl Bunch of thaning. I Will Tall you what I lernd about Raid Deer and You To Santa Clos. I will Have My Christma Tree in The liveingRoom All the Perdey litse are going to be on. And I am 7 year old. I am in 2 Grad. Santa Clos I like your Rand Deer I like Rudolph. I want a Bike.
Love
Ricky Perez

Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas list. I like everything you gave us. I like you to. You are nice to us bcaus you bring us things to play. Did you have a good thansgiving yes or no? I did you. Is it snowing now yes or no? My mom and dad said if they do't give us any thing they will get a trampling for us. I want a mouse trap but it is to much muny so I want it for my Christmas.
Your Friend,
Amanda Labay

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope youa re fine. Santa I want a barbie doll and I want some more school clothes and a barbie doll car and I want some school colors and I want a new bike to. I am seven years old.
Love
Lakeisha Dawson

Dear Santa Claus
Santa will you said hollo to Mrs. Claus. santa will you being me 2 boxs of crayon. I like toys.
Love
Michael Poole

Dear Santa,
Santa can I have a traplen and a ninotdo and a new hors. christmas is spesihal to me. and I want a ceybood to and soom binelyers.
Yours truly,
Marshall Peck

Dear Santa
Santa how are you. If you want to know I am doing good. I have been a good girl this year. And if you want you can take some of thes things off of my list.
I am going to put red and green ribbons on the Christmas tree and I mist string popcorn on the Christmas tree, I will put red and green and blue and yellow and ornge ballbs on my Chrismas tree. I want lots of prents I want a Machell doll on full house. I want Barbie magic sound house I want Barbie ice maker I want eneything
Sincerely,
Jakki Alleway

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I know what I want. I want a barbie doll house. I want a barbie car. And a barbie.
Yours Truly
Heather Munoz

Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I am an alright student. I have not been to good thid year, I am not asking for much. This is wat I ould like for Christmas. Please the movie Robin Hood. I would also like the nerf bow and arros, A few models, and a set of model paints. That is what I would like for Christmas. Before I say goodbye there is one more thing I would like to say, I hope you have a safe trip.
Your Pal,
Isam Brisco

Dear Santa,
I want a little toy gun that can make sounds. And two batteries for a robot and I want the batteries to be size d. And I want eight tiers that are aired up for my brothers.
Yours truly,
Julio Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like some money for CHIMES. At chimes night I will whake up mom and sas and tell them that you are here with the rian deer. I love rosdof and the other rian deer.
Your Friend,
Jeffery Kazmir

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a cowboy hat ans pirets of dark water and a toy gun.
Yours truly
David Estrada

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a barbie car that you can really can ride in. And I want a barbie for Christmas. And I want barbies for Christmas. And I want a doll for Christmas.
Yours traelly,
Alisha McGee

Dear Santa,
I want a fisher price pool table, a new pear of shous, spiy tek, batery porder car, a cap gun, and that is it.
Thank you,
Chris Machart

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me for Christmas last year..
Whil you please give me a pear of pants for Christms and other stuff. Come in the front door for Christmas.
Yours Truely,
B.J. Ross

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a baby doll, stuffed dog, stuffed bear, Walk men, Barbie car, Barbie doll, shark attack game, a tape to go with the walk men, Mermaid doll, a beach ball. That is all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Erica Cole

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I want ninja turtle stuff, some batman stuff, some Nintendo tapes, a Super Nintendo, and some tapes too. I want a birdd, some fish, a cat, a lizard.
Your frand,
Bruce

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote car and pair of pants and pair of shirt.
Love,
Robert Estrada

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new watch. I want a new barbie houses. I want a new bike.
Love,
Lupe Arila

Dear Santa,
I want a horse and a gremlin for Christmas. I want a cat, dog, and rudolf, dixon and pranser. I want a bike and clothes.
Love,
Natalie

Dear Santa,
I am writing you a letter about Christmas this year. I hope it's not to soon. Let me get to the point of this letter. This is a list of things I would like. A ten speed bike, a china doll, three good books, a great Christmas, candy! candy! candy! a Barbie Magical Motor Home, a Barbie Magical Mansioon, a Rainbow fun hut, Rainbow slumber bag, Rainbow mate, a shark attack game, a crocodile dentist game, and a small hermonica. Oh! one more thing, Peace on Earth.
Thank You,
Robyn Alleway

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like an electric train. I would also like a VCR. A radio with a turntable would also be nice to have.
Yours truly, Eric Kasper

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a leggo and some markers.
Your bud,
Joshua Spangenberg

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a game boy game. I want a teenage mutatt ninja turtle 2 game and I want a basketball and a bebegun. I want a black pair of pants. I want a glof and bat and I like the toys you got me last year, thank you for them. So I want a pari of shoes and I want a jacket to. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Yours truly,
Travis Bujnoch

Dear Santa,
I would have a gold fishing pole and a computer to write. I like to have a soccer ball and a glass to wear and a watch to wear. and a basketball.
Your friend,
Kyle Kinchelue

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? Let me tell you a few things I want for Christmas. Santa Claus I want for Christmas a Barbie and a Go Go my walking pup and a sing a long mashing with a macrephone and a magic nuersy baby.
Thank you for the presints Santa Claus.
Yours thrulie,
Colleen Ann Sevcik

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Could you get me a bibigun and a g.i. goe set? Have fun on Christmas and tell the elves thank you for the toys they gave me on Christmas.
Thank you Snata,
Love Ray Turiano

CHRISTMAS IS HERE!
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First Grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and a new wagon. I want a bike and a baby bear.
Love,
Cynthia Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a Pellet gun and bowls and a radio and Pump art.
Love,
Jeffrey Leoplod

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, Connect four, a new cow dog puppy and a new Christmas tree and new Christmas plates.
Love,
Kimberly Waligura

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a teddy if I've been agood and i want you to give my mom some cups.
Love, Erin Gold

Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Niniendo. I want a doll with a basket and a boottle and clothes. I want some shoes, size 3 or 4. I want a real baby. I want a puppy. How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? How are you, Santa Claus?
Love,
Amanda Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? Ihave tried to be good. I really want an alarm clock and some makeup. My dog really wants a toy. I think that is all.
Love,
Kinsey Hoffman

Dear Santa Claus,
Is everything all right at the North Pole? Does anyone come to your house? What is your phone number? I want a ring. I want a game named Dance Party. I want a Cabbage kid that can style its hair. Operation is a game I want. I want some clothes. I want some markers. I want a country tape. I want a stuffed animal. I want some crayons that show silver in them. I want some books.
Love,
Lana Engstrom

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want to see you at the North Pole. I want a bean bag. I want a real Siamese cat. I want an alarm clock. I want a real baby chick. I want a Thin Ice game. I want a camera. I want a purse. I want some clothes. I want a stuffed dalmation dog. I want an ice cream maker. I want a Christmas tree. I want some markers. I want a Mall Madness game. I want a TV. I want a radio. I want a phone.
Love,
Brittany Waligura

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an ice cooler and bring a necklace that says "Fluffy". I want a little Christmas tree for my cat and bring a little house for my cat. I want white shoes and my feet are size 11 1/2. I want a ring and a necklace. I want four bows and bring baseball cards for my brother. I want a camera.
Love, Fatima Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer doing and how are you? Do you have enough toys to go around? How fast do your elves work? Can you give me a Turbo fist? I also want a Ninja Turtle bowling set.
Love,
Travis Konarik

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
What is your phone number?
How are the elves?
I want to go to the North Pole with you. Can I go? I want a Littl eMiss Singing Mermaid. I want an Operation game. I want a Shark attack game. I want a 101 Dalmations. I want a Christmas tree. I want an Ice Barbie. I want a Splat Bug game and I want a waterbaby. Iwant a Crocodile Dentist.
Love,
Adriana Nunez

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph? How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? I love you very much. Do you like me? How are the reindeer? I want a big Auger Cart and a rabbit or a bunny. I want an ice cream maker, and a shark attack game and a camera. I also want a box of 24 crayons and slipon shoes.
Love,
Ryan J. Staff

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? How i sMrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? I want a baby doll like Buddy. I want some real arrows for my bow and an ice cream maker. I also want a real pocket knife and the Ninja turtles 2 Nintendo game. I wnat Shark attack. I want a nerf turbo football an a twister tractor and a Thin Ice game. I also would like an Operation game. I want the Ninja Turtles 2 movie.
Love,
Jared Korenek

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electirc kit. I want a radio controlled car. I also want a radio. I wnat the Crocodile Dentist game.
Love,
Mathew Shimek

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave you some money and cookies. I want a combine, tractor, twister tractor, folder, plow, rice truck and auger cart and Wrestling dudes and Ninja Turtles.
Love,
Lance Bittner

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good.
I want an ice cream maker, a brown, pink and red bike, and a stuffed bunny. I also want a blue ball, makeup, a necklace, 101 Dalmations doll, a Little Miss Singing Mermaid, some markers, a Barbie doll, colors, a bow for my hair, clothes, a Crocodiel Dentist game, Crystal and a notebook and jewelry box.
Love,
Melissa Drlik

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and a horse pen with horses. I want a neerf bow and arrow. How are your reindeer and your elves doing?
Love,
Trent Korenek

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a real puppy and a real Siamese cat and Dance Party. I want a stuffed Rudolph. How is Rudolph doing? I want Crocodile Dentist, Crimp and Curl, Mall Madness, Thin Ice, Little Miss Singing Mermaid and Splat.
How are all the reindeer and how are you and Mrs. Claus? This is my phone number 543-4152. What is you phone number? I want a Cabbage Patch Kid that will kiss you, the one with the blond hair. I want some markers and a stuffed dalmation. Bring my brother a pair of spurs.
Love,
Meagan Staff

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Christmas: our great festival of Jesus

By Russ Minter
Christ Episcopal Church
of Eagle Lake

Some reflections of our great festival of Jesus:

Some among us are persuaded that Jesus only pretended to be human, which would make him a hoax perpetrated on the human race. Hidden under the appearance of humanness, he was really a divine being like the Greek gods of antiquity, who went about disguising themselves as men or women, then throwing off their masks at critical moments to reveal themselves as superhuman beings. This kind of ploy has always been the most common heresy of all - Jesus just looks like one of us, a man divinized, you could say, whatever that might be.

So much easier than knowing him one of us, trudging the roads of Palestine, eating that bitter dust the same as other men, sweating, suffering hunger and thirst, disheartened and cast down from time to time, even angry as we are. Then walking deliberately into that terrible end, meeting death as a criminal, bounded by all authority in the church and state. Finally suffering the ultimate indignity of seeing himself abandoned by God, as he was certainly abandoned by his friends. No, it is just too much to demand of us poor humans that we accept, believe and base our lives upon a man so obviously limited as we are. So we reject his humanness as an illusion.

Our faith is so much more easily held captive in a church, or in a book which is "Holy" to us, or occasionally in a sermon.

We can get on a roll with those lovely feelings of the beauty in clouds, or a sunset, or from ancient images of a Moses on Mt. Sinai or at the Burning Bush, or even from time to time from the fierce denunciations of a prophet aimed at the high-ups of our society. We can get on a roll about our own sins, the common ones we can readily acknowledge to one another, or sweet memories we carry through our lives from childhood which carry more weight with us than anything that happens to us as adults. These and so many, many more feelings, images and half-conscious convictions make up the baggage of our minds that are cloaked with the sense of God's near-Presence.

But Jesus as a man? How could he be? Come on, you can't have it both ways, you must choose. Human or divine? Which will it be? We choose the divine. Less trouble for our minds. "God's in His Heaven, and all's right with the world," as Browning put it so long ago, never mind that we know it's not so. But let the matter end there, for Heaven's sake, a kind of storybook romance of the Divine which we build churches to house so we can safely worship - anything but God as a mere human same as us, here in this messy place where we cannot seem to get anything quite right any more, if we ever could.

Our cry is, "if only Heaven would speak or act or **do something** about it all! This endless shilly-shallying and foolishness we find ourselves caught in, is too much for us, Dear God; you do something about it. Save us from ourselves! That's what you're for!"

So what does God do? Stay in Heaven, "ordering all things mightily?" God the great Manipulator, seeing that things work out right for us?

No, look what God actually does. He sneaks into an utterly insignificant corner of the world and gets born to a Jewish peasant girl in a barn, in abject ordinariness, we would say, with dismay, at this betrayal of all we think of us as divine. All those angels, heavenly choirs and brilliant lights are Luke's contribution, two or three decades later. The original event was almost, you could say, awkwardly humble and plain and undivine.

In that perception lies the shocking contrast of Christianity with religion of the feel-good kind. We are obliged to see, acknowledge, that surprise, surprise, God has chosen to exalt the humble and meek, to show up in barns, not palaces, among cows and pigs, not fancy courtiers or imperial hangers-on; adorning our **ordinary** lives, not our wishful thinking and aspirations toward glory, our precious dream of what ought to be - once we **get it right** at last!

Hard to take? It sure is! God no longer remote and worshipable, but here and now, in the middle of the common, sweating and stewing that comprises our actual life. God not demanding, not thundering, not laying down the Law the way we wish God would, but just quietly, unobtrusively slipping in and Being There, right in the center of our human life.

The Great Divide for us humans is the point at which we see that and stop dreaming God, but turn to welcoming Him. We call this Christmas, our festival of the incarnation, God taking human flesh, not as an add-on. Paradoxically, it's the loveliest, most exalted moment of the year, Christmas is, in spite of that unobtrusiveness. Well, so it ought to be, when you come to reflect on it. But what a switch from what we would expect! God have Mercy! We still have to fend for ourselves.

What is the difference, then? Now we know God is there, one of us. His Name is Jesus.

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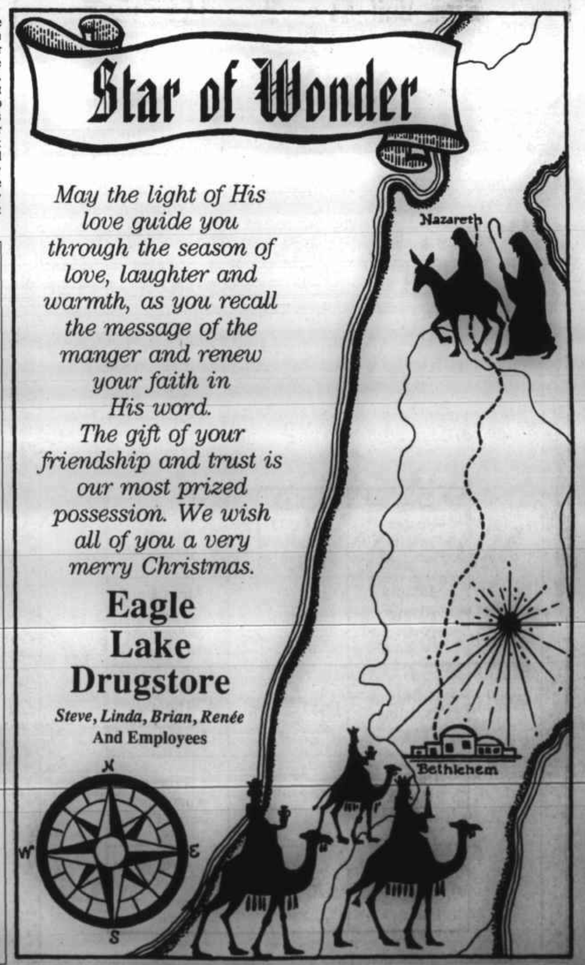

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