

'Our finest gifts we bring...to lay before the King'

Three weeks ago, we ran an advertisement inviting children in kindergarten through grade three to submit essays or drawings on five Christmas themes for this edition. The response was absolutely overwhelming. We had hoped for 25 or 30 submissions, and were amazed when the envelopes kept pouring in — bringing the total to just more than 100 stories and sketches.

We couldn't possibly publish each of them, but we've selected more than half. Those that don't appear on this page can be found sprinkled throughout the edition. (By the way, folks, the interesting spellings are not the fault of our typesetters!)

Our thanks to all the kids who submitted their work, and to teachers at St. Michael's School in Newark, St. Patrick's School in Seneca Falls and St. John the Evangelist on Rochester's Humboldt Street, who asked their classes to submit their efforts.

What to give Jesus for His birthday

We have a cake for Jesus' birthday. We give presents to each other. We love everyone; we love Jesus the most.

This year I am going to be very, very good as my special present to Jesus. My whole family is saving money for the poor to help them have a nice Christmas. I hope all people of the world love each other on Jesus' birthday.

James Cronmiller
Christ the King
Grade 1

Jesus wants love for his birthday. I pray to Jesus to help me. I won't fight with my sister Mary. I will receive Jesus in Holy Communion on Christmas.

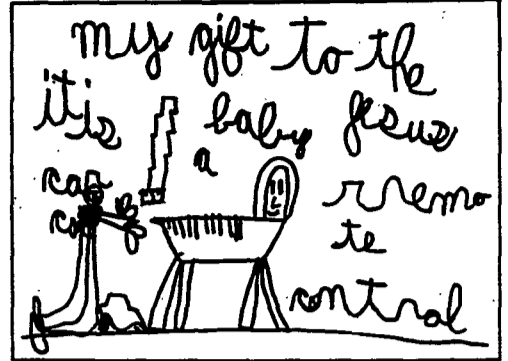
Shawn Lauster
St. Michael, Newark
Grade 2

My present to Jesus will be Love. I will be kind to everyone and say my prayers every day. I will help at home by cleaning the house and not fighting with Sam.

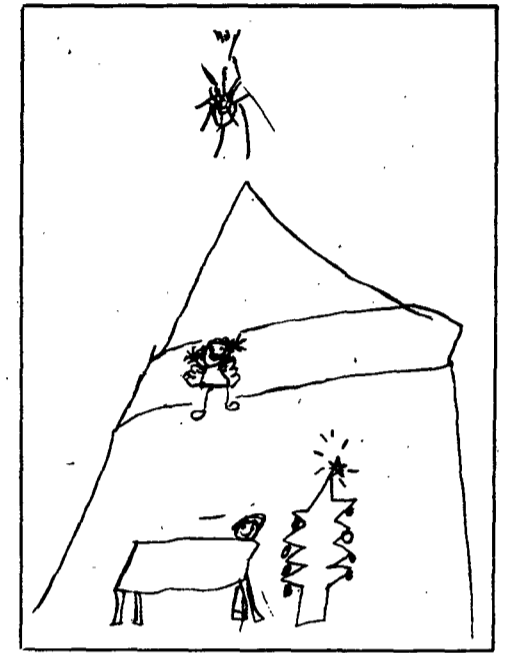
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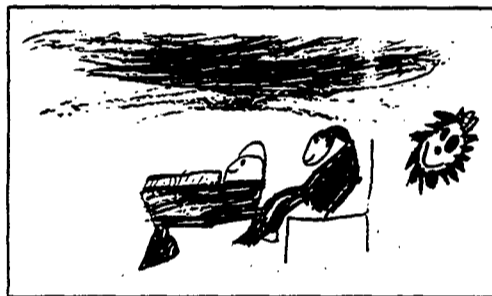
By Tim Miner
St. Margaret Mary
Grade 3



'A RREMO-TE-CONTROL CAR' — Andrew DeLisio, first grade, St. Michael's, Newark.



A CHRISTMAS TREE — Kristin Egbert, first grade, St. Michael's, Newark.



A RUG — Kevin Bastian, first grade, St. Michael's, Newark.



AN 'I LOVE YOU' CARD — Shannon Ross, first grade, St. Michael's, Newark.

On Jesus birthday I want to give Him lots of love. On Christmas it is fun to celebrate Jesus Birthday. First we go to church. Then we sing praises to Him I love Jesus alot not just at Christmas but all through the year.

Kelly DiNieri
St. Michael, Newark
Grade 2

If I could give him one thing I would give him my heart. Because he is a very special person. I love Him alot. I hope His birthday is the best ever. Merry Christmas to all.

Jennifer Mykins
St. John, Humboldt
Grade 3

Well I couldn't get up to Jesus right now so I would have to give peace and joy to all the world.

Michelle Lynn Cornish
St. Margaret Mary
Grade 3

I'd give Jesus a rattle for His birthday because He's a teeny, weeny baby. Also a little doll.

Rachel Lupiani
St. John, Humboldt
Kindergarten

Christmas is Jesus' birthday. I will give Jesus love, and finish a Happy Birthday note and I will give him a striker.

Kateri Braselton
St. Michael, Newark
Grade 2

What you shad give Jesus for his Birthday is what you put your hart in to you could mecing a picher for Jesus.

Donna Pascalar
St. John, Humboldt
Grade 1

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