

Children suggest ways to better world in 1995

The following is a selection of essays, poems and pictures from the hundreds submitted to the Kids' Chronicle, responding to the question, "If you could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, what would you offer to do in 1995 to make the world a better place?"

More selections will be published in the Jan. 5, 1995 issue.

Entries appear exactly as they were submitted (we did not "clean up" spelling or grammatical errors).

Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we could not publish all submissions. But if every person who submitted something in response to this question makes an effort to keep his or her promise, the world will indeed be a better place in 1995.



The promise I want to make to Jesus is to recycle and to teach others about recycling. At home I can recycle with my family. I will promise that no one in my family will throw away anything that could be recycled, that includes glass bottles, tin cans, plastic items. I could also take part in my schools recycling program. I will collect the blue bins marked for recycling. I will take all the old batteries out of the old toys in my house and put them in the battery drop off to be recycled.

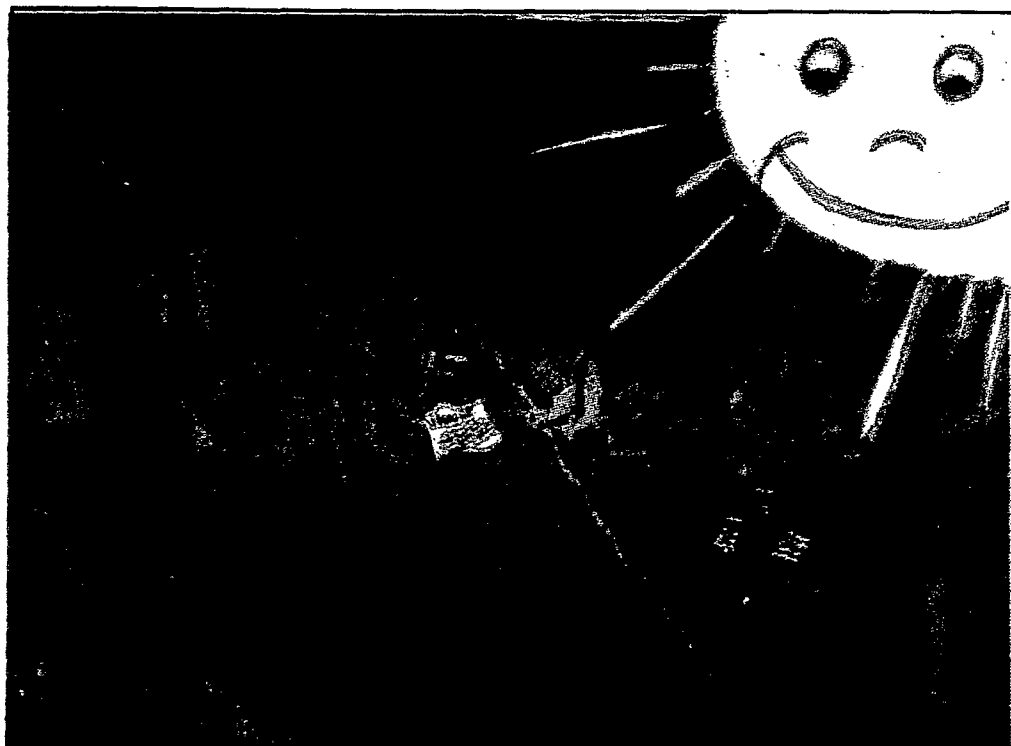
There are so many landfills with empty milk jugs, tin cans, plastic and glass items that fill the landfills up. We could do so much by just recycling and many people don't do it. This service is free in our area so there is no reason not to recycle. God gave us this land and this land only. That is why we should recycle. So I want to make this promise to Jesus to teach the people the value of this Earth by recycling and doing it myself.

Michael Bouwens
St. Michael's School, Newark
Grade 5

Dear Jesus,

For Christmas I will help people who are blind cross the street.

Teddy Zielinski
St. Mary's, Canandaigua
Grade 1



Maria Cavagnaro, St. John of Rochester, Fairport, Grade 4

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise I would pray for people that our ill and not be mean to others. I would help people that our older than me. I will be a peace maker at my school. I will help my brother learn other things. I will teach my brother about God.

Emily Donnell
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 3

My promise for 1995 to make the world a better place is to help other people. I will help the first graders in my school by doing projects with them and helping them learn to read and write. This may help them in the future and when they are older. I will attend First Friday Mass with them. I will show them the parts of the Mass and how to follow along with the Mass. This is how I will be like a "big brother" to them. I will help people in 1995!

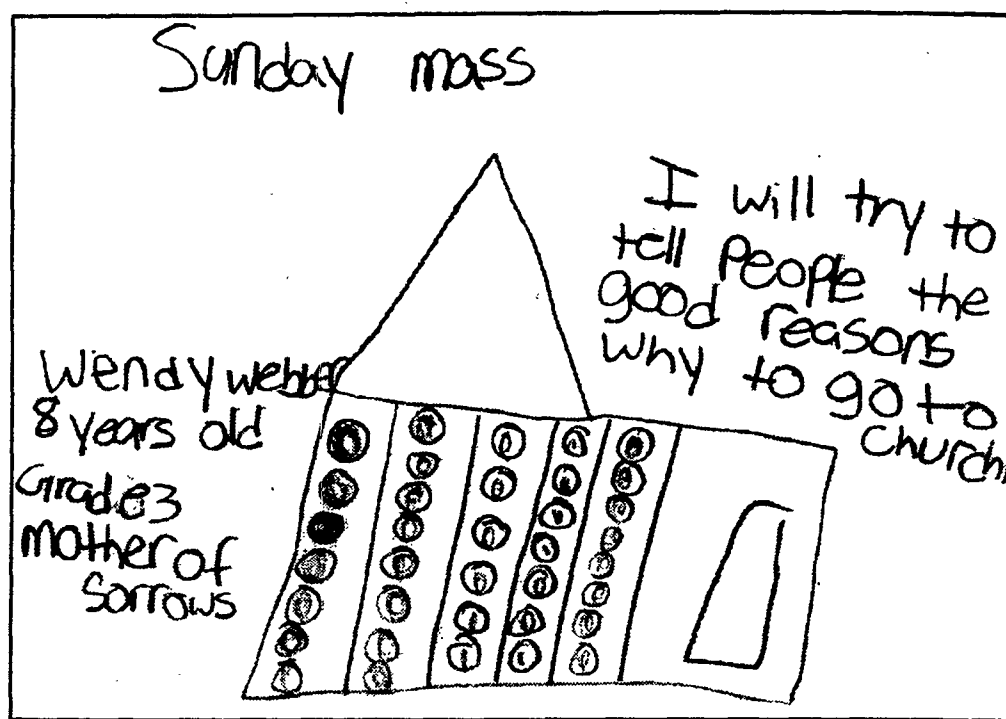
Joe Toscano
Mother of Sorrows School
Grade 6

A Birthday promise to Jesus

I share my birthday with Jesus, so I gave a lot of thought about my promise to Him. My promise to Jesus is to keep the spirit of Christmas in my heart and share it with everyone all year long. Christmastime makes everyone happy and nice to each other. I think that if I tried to do as Jesus taught and be like him, and share that with other people, maybe they would act like they do at Christmastime all year, instead of just in December. I plan on living my promise everyday by the things that I do, so that my promise becomes a birthday gift we can both share.

Ashley Arena
St. Ambrose School
Grade 3

To make the world a better place, I will promise Jesus on his birthday to visit older people. My grandma works at a nursing home and will go with her sometimes. There are many sick and lonely people there. They would like someone to talk to. Older people love to tell stories about when they were young and I will be happy to listen to them. We can learn from them. I will tell them about me and what I do



Wendy Webber, Mother of Sorrows School, Grade 3

in school and what I like to do with my friends.

Older people are special children of Jesus and we all need to appreciate them more.

Amy Cimino
St. Ambrose School, Grade 3

If I could give Jesus a Christmas present, this is what it would be. I wouldn't fight with my brother. And, I would be nice to people who didn't have a lot of friends. Jesus would like it if I did that, so that's why I would do it.

Mark Dangler
St. Ambrose School, Grade 3

If I could give Jesus a birthday present for Christmas to make the world a better place I would teach people to love each other by loving them. I could remind them that Jesus loves us all and tell them to live by the Law of Love.

Jessica Piazza
St. Ambrose School, Grade 3

Vows of 95

I have a caring heart,
So I'll have to start,
donating food,
donating clothes,
and donating love,
to people in need,
who have nothing to eat,
having nothing to wear,
and have no one that cares.
So many different faces,
I'll have to make some spaces,
for all kinds of different races.
In 95 I promise,
to lend a caring heart,
to all people who need,
a second chance at life.

Ryan Troll
St. Francis-St. Stephen's School,
Geneva, Religion 7

I WILL...
The world these days needs some help,

It's really getting bad.
I will go and visit the lonely, so they won't feel so sad.
I will give money to the church, and donate food to the poor, so they can be happy, and have a little more.
This is what I will do in 1995, to help people have better lives.

Rebecca DeRaddo
St. Francis-St. Stephen's School,
Geneva, Religion 7

If I could give Jesus a birthday presents, I would let the pre-Schoolers, go in front of me and help them.

Mary Catherine Vay
Nazareth Hall, Grade 2

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, to make the world a better place, I would give people PEACE! I would share with each other!

I would make people feel better if they were sad! I would HELP others!

Stephanie C. Watt
Nazareth Hall, Grade 2

If I could promise to Jesus something to help the world become a better place, I would help the smaller children to read, write, spell, and learn about other things they would need to learn. But the number one thing would be to learn and read about Jesus.

I would do this because I want them to learn about the world and what they have to do to survive. And I would also do that because I want all children to learn about Jesus so that they could teach their children about Jesus. I hope that this will soon come true.

Astrid Marie Martinez
Holy Rosary School
Grade 5

I would try to be nicer to other people like my friends and family. I would pray every morning and night to Him. I will try to get better grades in school. I will clean my room and do other chores. I will take care of my nephew better. When I go to church I will pay more attention. I will not try to hit birds with sticks. I will not punch others in the stomach. I will not spit on people. I will not sit on my sisters. I will help my friend with things. I will not interrupt people when they are talking. I will not jump a fence. I will not go in anyone's room without their permission. I will ask for food instead of just taking any of food. I will now scare people. I will do these things.

Jarrod Tomasso
Holy Rosary School
Grade 5

What would you do if you could make the world a better place in 1995? I would reuse & recycle things. What I mean by that is recycling newspapers when the recycling truck comes every Friday. I can also bring cans to stores so they can recycle them. I can reuse things such as milk cartons. I can turn them into bird feeders with a little work. I can also turn worn-out tires turned into a place to keep plants. I think that reusing & recycling would be a great birthday promise to give to Jesus this Christmas.

Bethany Comella
St. Michael's School, Newark
Grade 5