

Christmas FEATURE

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, I would earn the money by shoveling snow for other people, or doing chores around the house. I would save the money in a jar at home. When I get enough money, I would bring it to school and put it in our can to give to the poor. After I bring the money to school, I would come back home to earn more money.

I would keep on earning money for the poor all year long, I would try to get more people to give money to the poor.

Lacie Urban
St. Michael's School, Newark
Grade 5

In 1995 I promise to show my respect for others I will share with others. I will include everyone in all the games. I will try my hardest in school. I will do what my teacher says to me and I will say my prayers.

Matt Fischer
Mother of Sorrows School
Grade 3

I think I could write a diary about what Jesus did and his miracles. Then I would put it somewhere. Some day some body will find it. Then they might learn something they didn't know. Then they might write one too.

Matt Judge
Mother of Sorrows School
Grade 3

Dear Jesus,
For Christmas I will give you warm clothes for people who need them.

Jimmy Krossber
St. Mary's School, Canandaigua
Grade 1

Dear Jesus,
For Christmas my gift to you is washing dishes and helping at home.

Mark Brightenfield
St. Mary's School, Canandaigua
Grade 1

For your birthday I will make the world a better place by picking up the litter and treating everyone the way I want to be treated.

Betsy Jensen
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 1

Irish,
Italy,
Sweden,
and Chinese,
all joined together,
in peace and harmony.
I would give this,
for Jesus,
on Christmas.
To show my love,
To him.
on Christmas.

Jeremy Macaluso
St. Patrick's Religious Education,
Seneca Falls
Grade 8



Colleen Lindsay, Holy Trinity, Webster, Grade 4

If I could give Jesus a birthday present it would be to take care of all the poor people. I would do it by asking everyone to donate anything they can. Then I'd give everything to the poor. I'd make sure that everyone got an equal amount. I would get volunteers and when I got enough money I would build a soup kitchen. My soup kitchen would be open twenty four hours a day. My soup kitchen would look like a house. It would have a little play room for the children. I hope Jesus would like my birthday present to Him.

Jessica Rose Leisenring
St. Michael's School, Newark,
Grade 4

There are many things that we could do to make our world a better place. We can not handle differences because people are not tolerant. People do not want to be different and those that do, get made fun of and hurt feelings. Others will not accept those that are different. We are all the same people on the inside, and we have to learn to accept that. I know we all don't look the same. That is the way it is supposed to be! So let us understand and STOP THE PREJUDICE!

Bethany Briggs
Mother of Sorrows School
Grade 7

LOVE
Christmas is a time for love,
a time for us to share.
The time we show the ones we love,
how much we really care.

I give Jesus the gift of love,
a love that is unique.
No other person can give this love,
My love is a mystique.

My gift of love is a promise that I will always keep.
Through every hour of every day,
Even when I sleep.

My happiness comes from the love I give,
it puts a smile on my face.
If everyone in the world could give this love,
It would be a better place.

Meredith Kessler
Mother of Sorrows School
Grade 7

I would like to give Jesus this Christmas that in 1995 I will recycle as much as possible and help the animals in the wood(s), because I live near the woods.

Kasia Zubrzycki
St. Mary's School, Canandaigua
Grade 2

My promise to the world, this 1995 year, is the gift of giving to bring people cheer!

I will give some of my things as a deed, because some other people are in need!

We should always try to love one another, and treat them like a sister or brother!

We should take time to help and care, and always be kind and always share!

Let's stop all the wars, and stop all the fights, because in our hearts, we know they're not right!

We should all follow the "Law of Love," and remember, Jesus is watching from above!

Karin Attridge
Mother of Sorrows School
Grade 6

In 1995 I want to promise Jesus that I will tell people to stop fighting. If they are and if someone is hurt I will help them too. If someone hasn't eaten in days I will get them food to eat.

Megan Buckley
St. Mary's School, Canandaigua
Grade 2

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas I would be nice to other people and be a peacemaker.

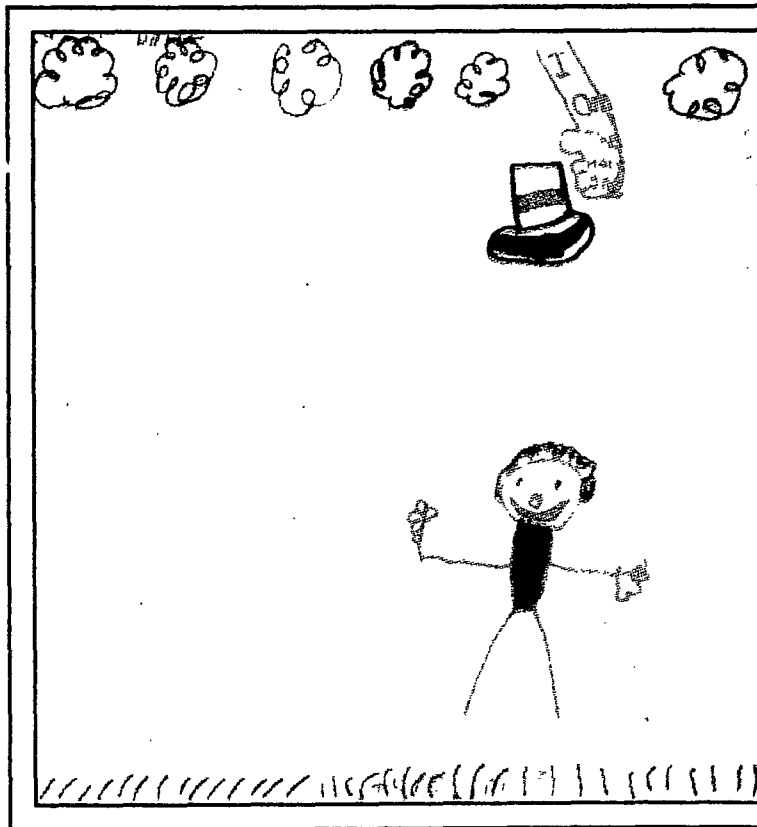
Kyle DeWick
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 3

Jesus I will try to talk things over and not fight.

Evan Miles
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 1

I will clean the trash even if it is not mine.

Megan Gray
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 1



My picture shows that I would make the world a better place by giving God and Jesus my magic hat so that Jesus could turn the bad people good people.

Steve Bintz
Holy Trinity School,
Webster
Grade 2

I will give Jesus a birthday promise for 1995 to make the world a better place by picking up trash that is on the ground and give gifts to homeless people. Well I will at least try to do that.

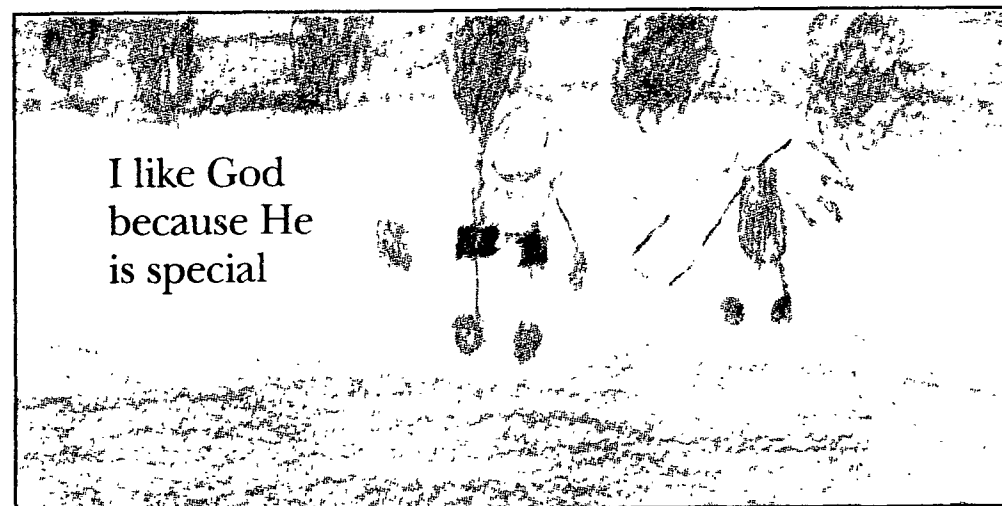
Julia Decker
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 3

To make the world a better place in 1995, I will visit a nursing home to help all the people who are ill or dying. In my class we wrote Christmas cards to the Veterans' Home in Batavia. Some of the Veterans' hardly ever have company so my teacher thought they could use some cheering up. They sent a thank you letter back to us saying that all the people in the nursing home who we sent cards to, are very happy. I'm glad that we do this every holiday, and we will continue to do this in 1995!

Keith Farrell
Mother of Sorrows School,
Grade 6

To make the world a better place, I would clean up the environment. If I saw a pond, I could take out the litter. I could do it on the weekend. I could also pick up cans and recycle them. If I found bottles I could use them to hold things. If everyone did these things the world would really be a better place.

Whitney Summers
St. Ambrose School, Grade 3



Maggie Bliven, St. Francis, Phelps, Grade 1

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