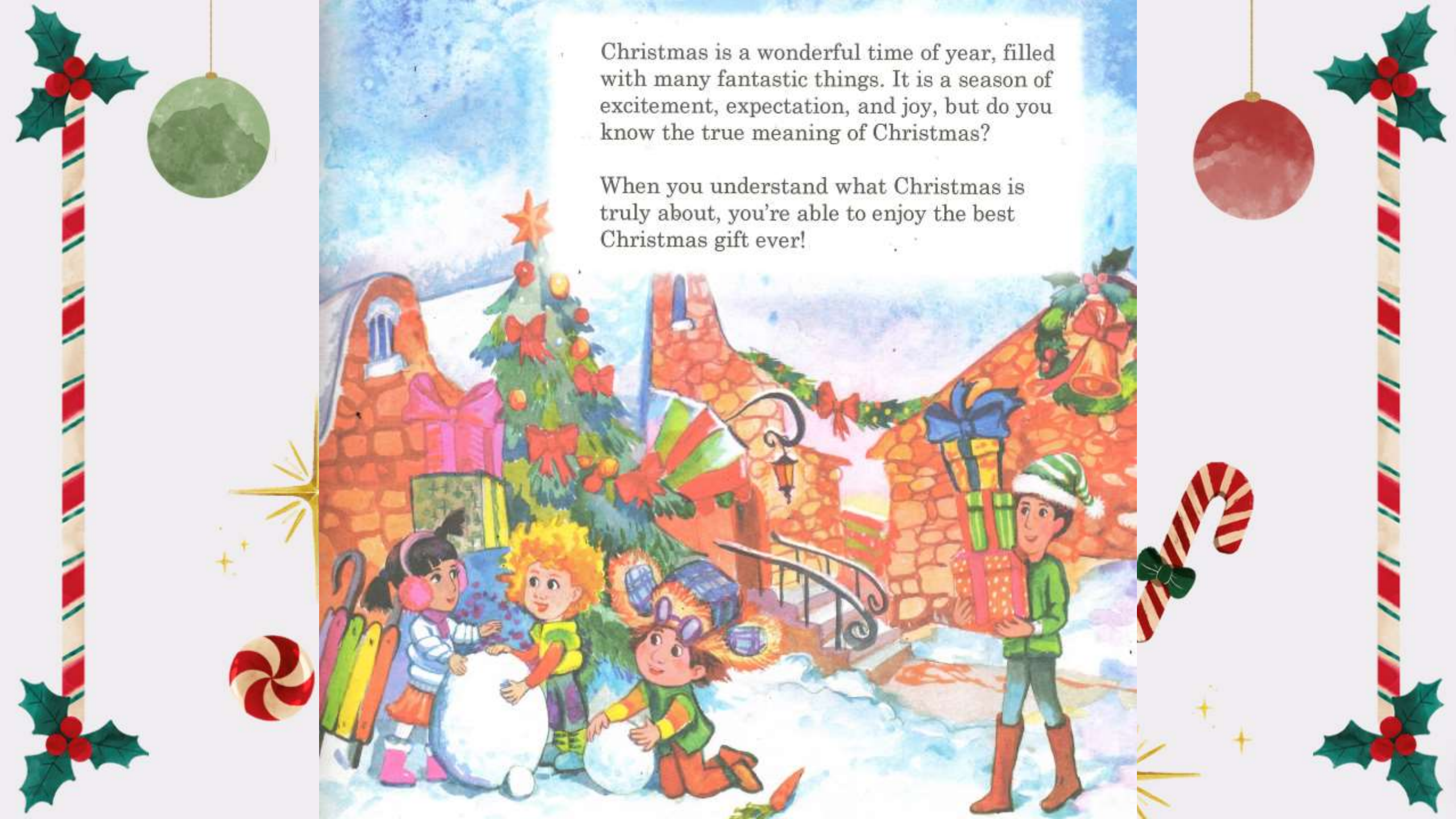
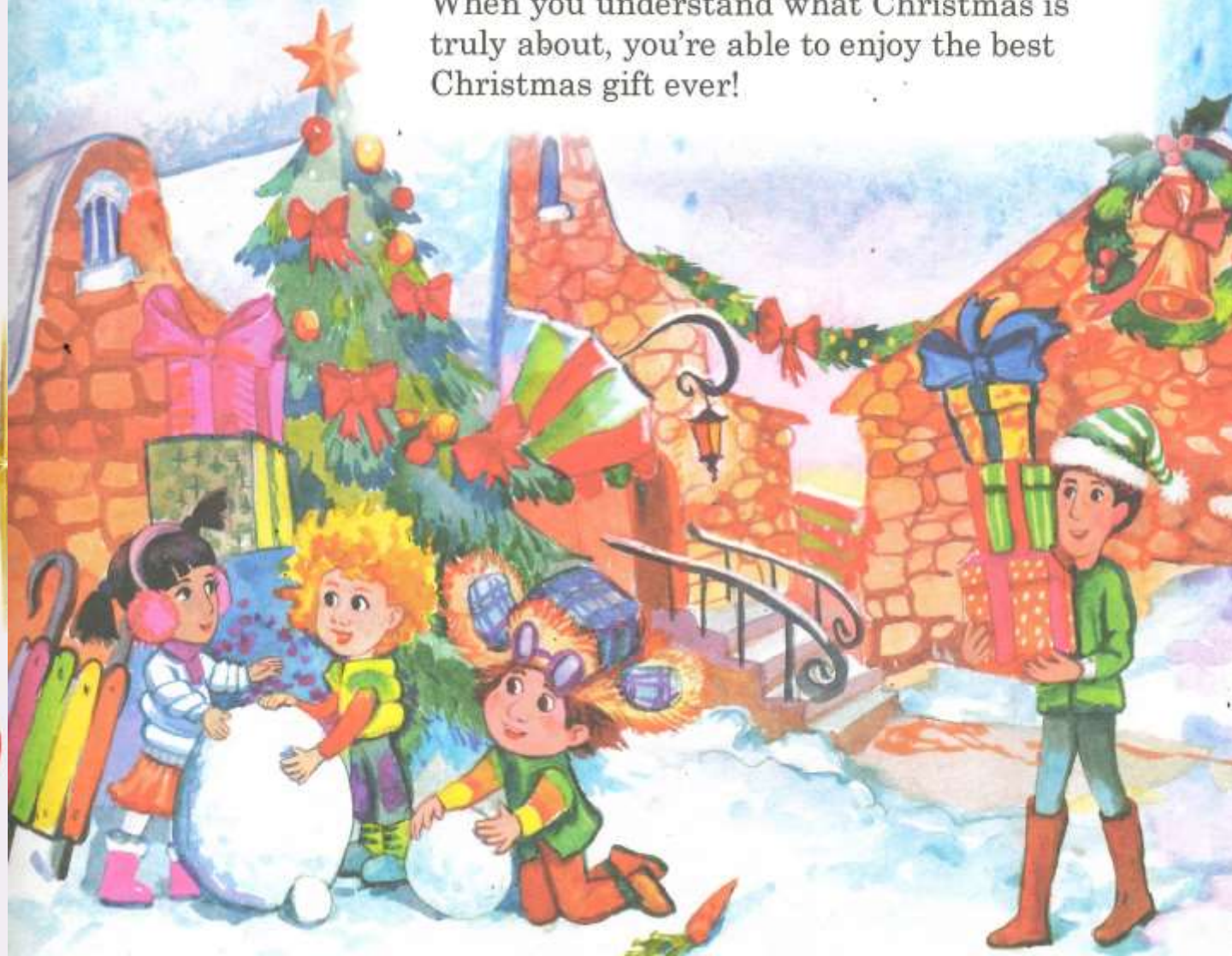


Our story this week is about the meaning of Christmas to Christians



Christmas is a wonderful time of year, filled with many fantastic things. It is a season of excitement, expectation, and joy, but do you know the true meaning of Christmas?

When you understand what Christmas is truly about, you're able to enjoy the best Christmas gift ever!





Is Christmas all about the holiday movies and cartoons we enjoy with our family and friends?

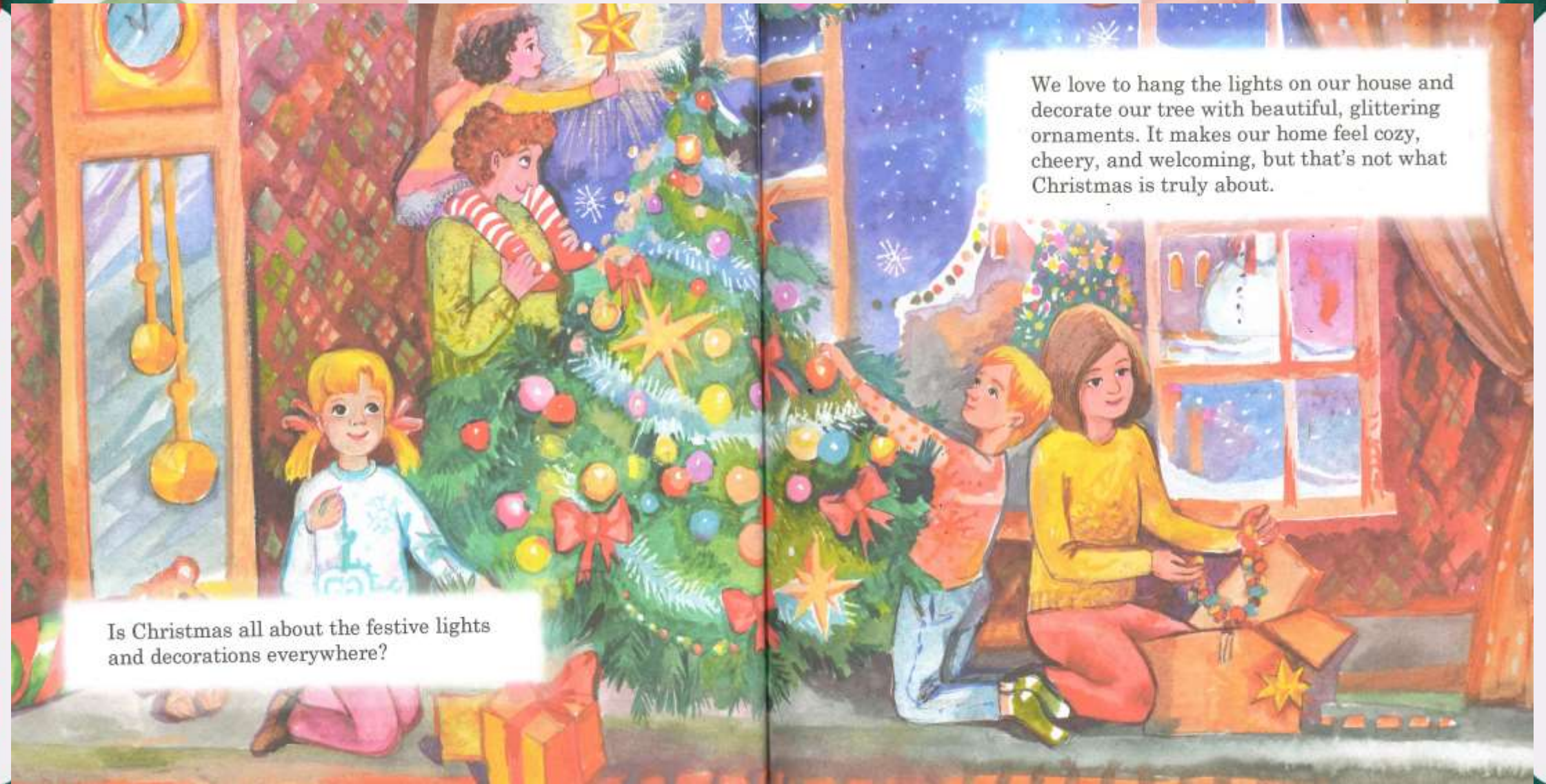
Those holiday shows are entertaining, and it is nice to snuggle with our family to watch them, but that's not what Christmas is truly about.



Is Christmas all about the special foods, treats, and cookies we share this time of year?

Who doesn't like to make tasty Christmas cookies or gingerbread houses? It is delightful to smell yummy treats baking and it's so much fun to decorate all those cookies, but delicious food is not what Christmas is truly about.

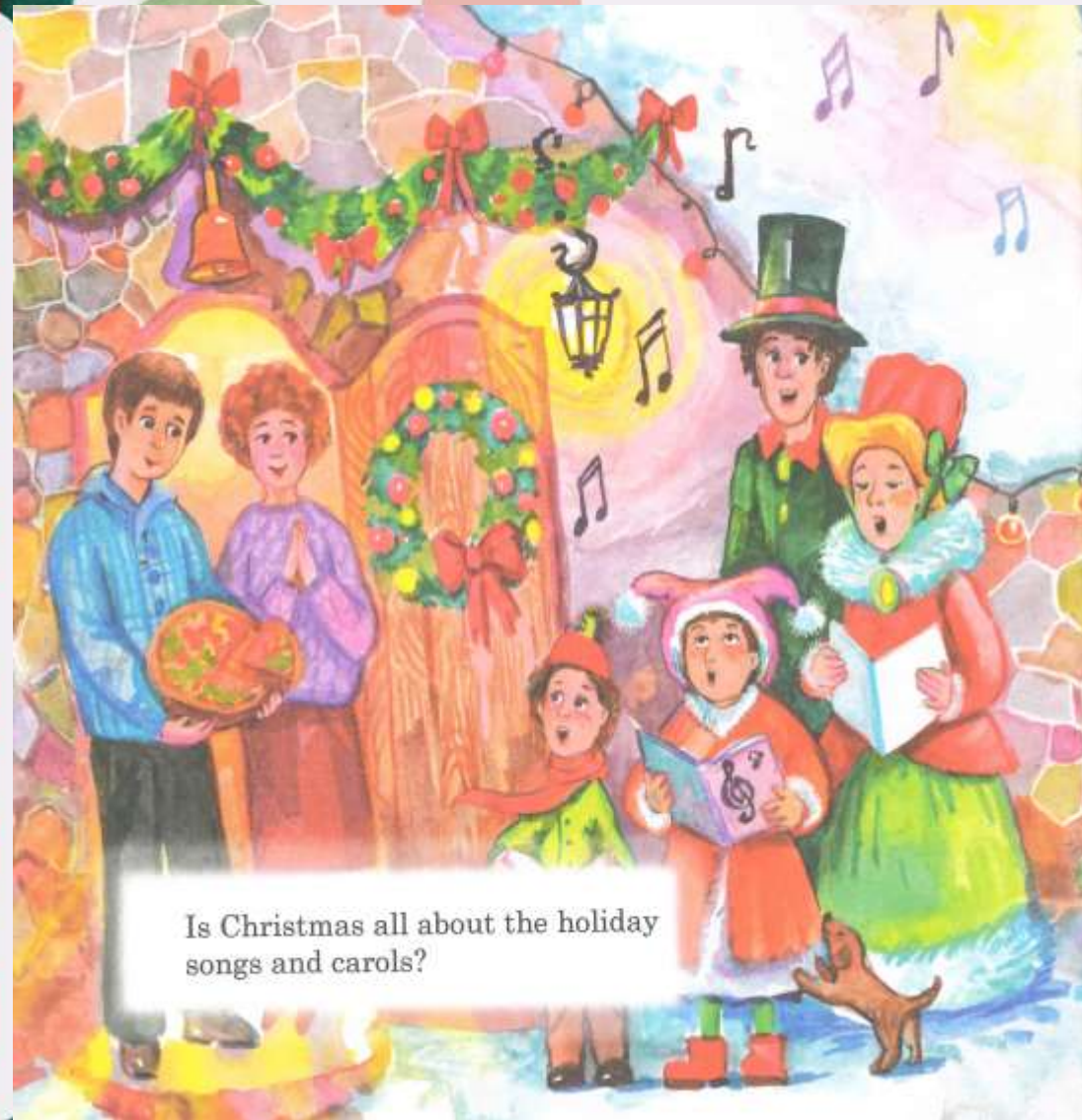




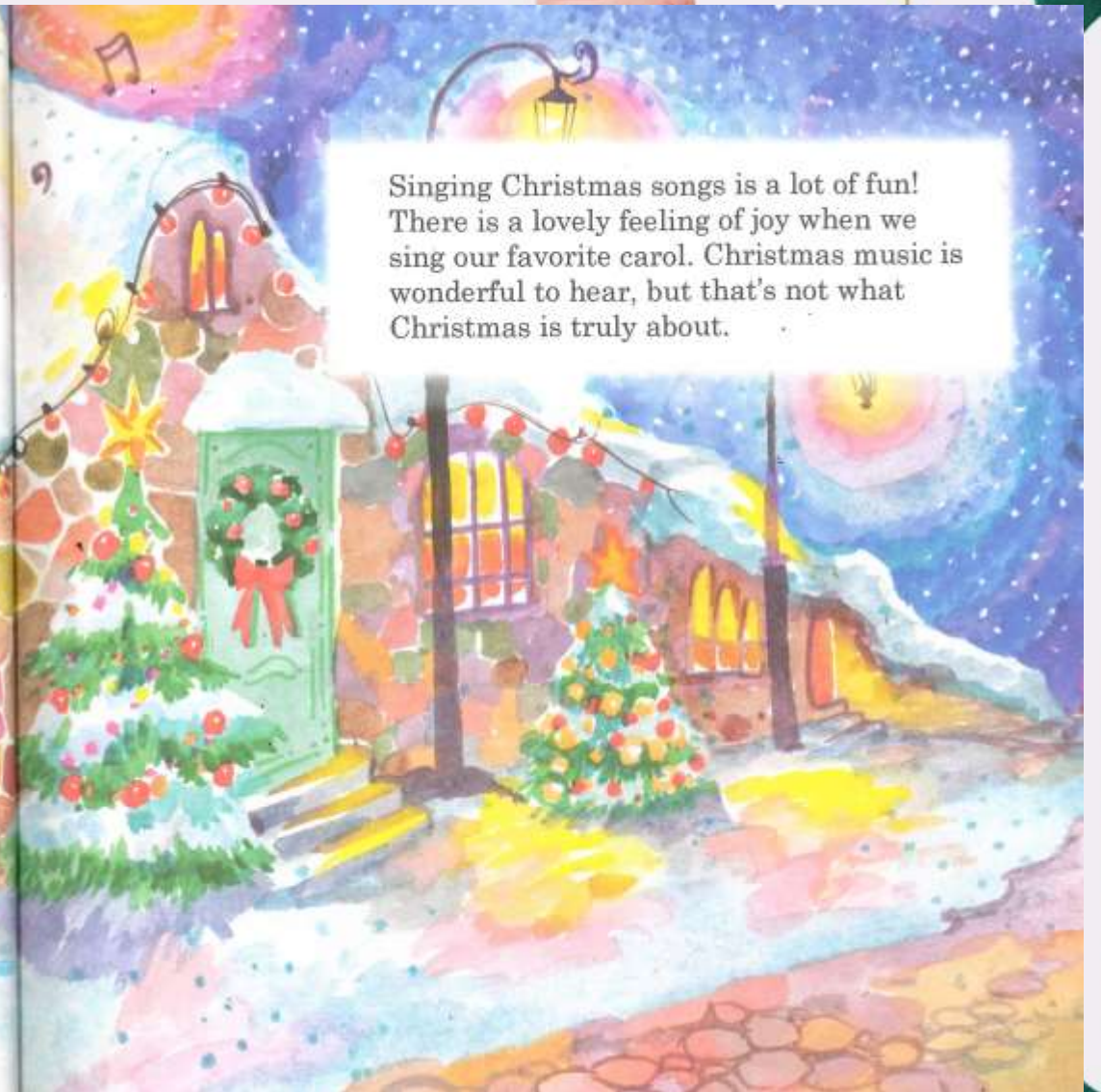
Is Christmas all about the festive lights and decorations everywhere?

We love to hang the lights on our house and decorate our tree with beautiful, glittering ornaments. It makes our home feel cozy, cheery, and welcoming, but that's not what Christmas is truly about.






Is Christmas all about the holiday songs and carols?




Singing Christmas songs is a lot of fun! There is a lovely feeling of joy when we sing our favorite carol. Christmas music is wonderful to hear, but that's not what Christmas is truly about.





Is Christmas all about getting gifts and new toys?


Christmas morning is exciting when we wake up and find shiny, wrapped presents under our Christmas tree, but gifts that are bought from a store isn't what Christmas is truly about.



Is Christmas all about spending time with family and friends?

Sharing special time with loved ones is very important and it is the best thing we've talked about so far, but even family isn't what Christmas is truly about.

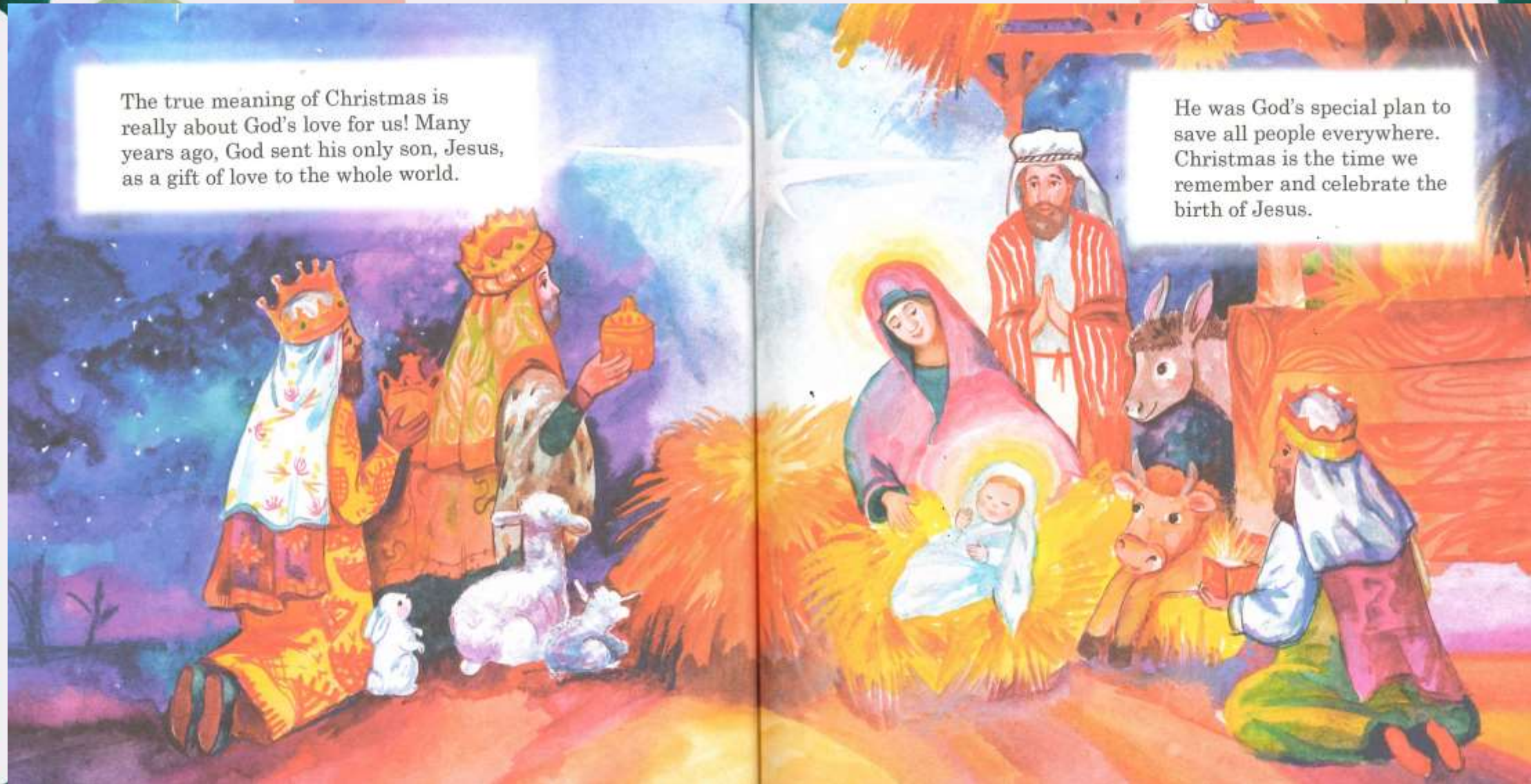




Okay then, so what is Christmas all about? What is the true meaning of Christmas?


The true meaning of Christmas is really about God's love for us! Many years ago, God sent his only son, Jesus, as a gift of love to the whole world.

He was God's special plan to save all people everywhere. Christmas is the time we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.






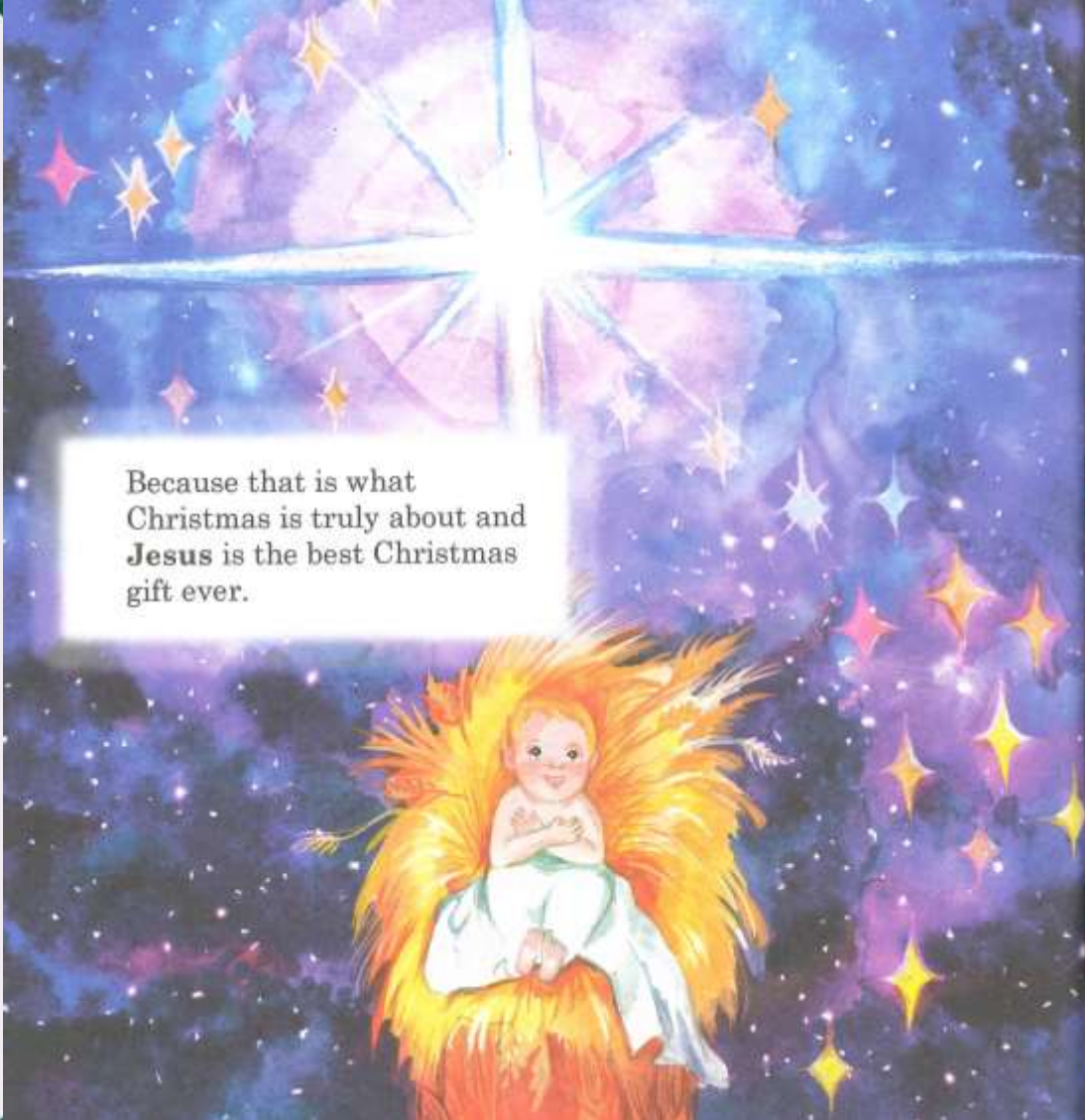

Sometimes, there is so much happening during the Christmas season that we forget about the real reason for the holiday. It is important that we take time to think about what makes Christmas special.



So have fun and celebrate this Christmas! Eat delicious cookies, sing your favorite carols, and enjoy your new toys.

Just remember to be thankful to God and to share the love of Jesus with other people.

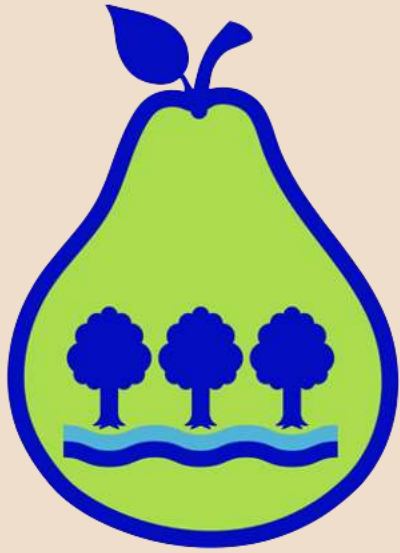




Because that is what  
Christmas is truly about and  
**Jesus** is the best Christmas  
gift ever.



*Merry  
Christmas!*



## School Reflection

This is our school,  
Let peace dwell here,

Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here,  
Love of one another,  
Love of mankind,  
Love of life itself.

Let us remember

That as many hands build a house,  
So many hearts make a school

Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued.