

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

A On Christmas Eve, it's after Church, afterwards, we pile into the car and drive around the neighbourhood to look at all the lights while listening to Christmas music, it slows us down and we really enjoy the quiet time in the car as a family.

Comentario [i1]: to enter a place quickly and not in an organized way

B When my boys were younger they would help me put up the Christmas lights, after that and some playing in the snow, we'd all go in the house and my wife'd make us a cup of hot chocolate. Next we'd decorate the tree and have home-made pizza. Now that the boys are older I have a new tradition of watching the movie a Christmas Carol.

Comentario [i2]: A Christmas song.

C Each Christmas Eve our family and friends gather at a local farm and we all take part in a nativity play, complete with a barn full of sheep, goats, chickens and of course Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. We sing to them and the children are all a-glow as they watch the scene and fool around them.

Comentario [i3]: Get together

Comentario [i4]: A theater play representing the nativity scene (the day little baby Jesus was born)

Comentario [i5]: Like glowing with excitement and happiness.

D As a child, one of my favourite Christmas things to do was to lie on my back under the tree and stare up through the branches at all the lights and ornaments I have no idea why this was more appealing to me than looking directly at the tree, but it's a tradition I now share with my son.

Comentario [i6]: to behave in a silly way or have a good time

Comentario [i7]: The divisions of a tree.

Comentario [i8]: Attractive.

E We cut twenty-four houses out of construction paper and take them to a bulletin board, behind each house we put the name of a family, neighbour or friend, then each day on December we open a house to see which family is behind them and we do something special for them whether it's to bake cookies, send them a card, just something to let them know we're thinking of them and praying for them on that day.

Comentario [i9]: To cook in the oven.

Comentario [i10]: to speak to a god in order to show your feelings or to ask for something

F Every Christmas we have a contest to see who'll be the first person to wake on Christmas morning. You can't get up before 5 a.m. and you can't use an alarm clock. The minute five o'clock hits we race around the house waking everyone else up. For some reason we seem to enjoy this tradition much more than my parents.

Whatever your tradition we hope you have a Merry Christmas and may your traditions include the baby Jesus.