



Greetings and good wishes for the Holiday Season

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NATIVITY SCENE . . . The best known and most widely used of all Christmas arrangements is the Nativity scene. Each year at this time public squares, churches and the lawns of business firms and private individuals are brightened by arrangements such as the one shown above.

Toys Will Suit Age, Interests of Child If Carefully Chosen

Picture the sight of the proud parent who sees to it that Santa brings bundles of expensive and intricate toys and soon after Christmas finds that little Junior prefers to play with Mother's pots and pans.

It happens, quite often, and poor Dad never realizes that he has made an unwise selection of toys. Quite often, he is slightly disturbed because his child isn't interested in what he considers excellent playthings.

Toymakers are highly conscious of the fact that children at various ages have different interests and manufacture toys for specific age groups. For the one-year-and-under age group there are hundreds of excellent toys—soft, cuddly bears, elephants and other animals that can be squeezed to make noises and sounds. For this age group, too, there are many floating toys, most of which are made of sponge, celluloid or plastic.

The child who has just learned to walk, or is less than two years, likes toys that he can pull or push around, including dolls, stuffed animals, rubber and plastic automobiles and vehicles. Toys that can be easily swallowed should be avoided as well as building blocks, which are just something to throw and scatter about.

Blocks, trucks, airplanes, boats, simple puzzles and toys of this nature are suited to the interests of pre-school children and it is usually at this age that children begin to see a distinction between toys for boys and toys for girls. Boys begin to favor cowboy and Indian outfits, girls choose dolls, frilly playthings and small replicas of household equipment such as brooms, toy furniture and dishes.

Boys in the four-year age group, particularly if father is a "do-it-yourself" enthusiast, will like small tool chests and workshop equipment that will enable them to imitate their fathers.

Creative Toys
Pre-school children are usually interested in creative things—paints, crayons and modeling clay. A small, simply operated record player also makes an excellent gift.



Turkey dominates the American holiday dinner menu but back in the days of Medieval England it was the boar's head which occupied the spot of honor at the Yuletide feasting table.

During late September or October, bands of hunters using trained boar-hounds pursued the ferocious boar. Once cornered by the hounds, the wild animal was surrounded and killed by spears or driven into a net and captured.

Chasing the boar was a dangerous sport for the animal was possessed of a nasty temper and very sharp teeth with which he could easily wound and sometimes kill the hunter and his dogs.

But the fruits of the chase were worth the effort and the bolder the boar, the louder were his praises sung as his steaming head was borne to the Christmas table.



PEACE ON EARTH . . . Prayerful hands against background of the Nativity scene reflect the true spirit of the Christmas season, when peace and goodness are foremost in the thoughts of mankind.



Here are some words from a famous Christmas message by Henry Van Dyke (1825-1933):

" . . . there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is keeping Christmas!"

These famous words have echoed through the years and yet, sadly enough, so many of us never learn the "secret" of keeping Christmas. In the hearts of the majority, Christmas is a great holiday, a festive occasion, a time of joy and peace, of sincere pleasure in the very act of giving. There is a certain spirit about the preparation for and the observance of the holiday. We follow the usual customs, we decorate and adorn our homes and firesides, and on this one day allow our hearts to be filled with joy and peace. We hold the spirit of Christmas and we cherish it—until the bright lights come down and the tinsel and glitter are discarded.

Yet, how wonderful would be this world we live in if we could all keep Christmas in our hearts—all year round; if we could fill our hearts with love and do away with hatred and intolerance; if we could shun false pride and be always considerate and understanding in our relations with our fellow man; if we could replace the yearning for the gold and pleasures of the world with the virtues of faith and moral courage.

If we could do these things, we could build a better world; a world of peace and brotherhood and we would be keeping the spirit of Christmas—forever—in our hearts.

Safe Toys Will Make Holiday Happiest

The toys you give your child this Christmas can turn his happy holiday into a time of needless tragedy if you do not exercise caution in selecting safe and well constructed playthings.

The frequency of eye accidents among children show a marked increase during the holidays, accidents caused by BB guns, bows and arrows, sharp-pointed toys, or

toys so poorly constructed they fall apart, leaving jagged edges.

Here are some helpful hints for toy-buying parents:

1. Be sure the toy is suitable for the child's age and that he knows how to use it.
2. Avoid toys with sharp edges.
3. See that the toy is put together sturdily.
4. Avoid dangerous playthings such as BB guns, pointed-tip arrows and air rifles—especially for the smaller fry.



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