

MERRY CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

CAN YOU MATCH THESE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH THE CORRECT LANGUAGE?

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| 1. Suksan wan Christmas | German |
| 2. Joyeux Noël | Spanish |
| 3. Seng Dan Fai Lok | Thai |
| 4. Colo sana wintom tiebeen | Tagalog |
| 5. Maligayang Pasko | Swahili |
| 6. Krismas Njema | Russian |
| 7. Fröhliche Weihnachten | French |
| 8. Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom | Greek |
| 9. Kala Christougenna | Egyptian |
| 10. Feliz Navidad | Cantonese |



How well do YOU know the Christmas Story? Circle the names of the following people who do NOT appear in the Christmas Story -

MARY MATTHEW JOHN SIMON

HANNAH MICHAEL ANNA SIMEON HEROD

GABRIEL ELIZABETH JACOB JOSEPH

You'd be surprised how many people even in North America don't know the whole Christmas Story as it is written in the Bible. So many people forget that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. See if you can find someone who doesn't know and go ahead and tell them! And remember to tell JESUS "Happy Birthday!" Have a wonderful Christmas,

Your friend, Shirley

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(Answers: Gifts puzzle: 1) coat; 2) barley; 3) water; 4) ring; 5) crown; 6) meat; 7) frankincense; 8) fish

Merry Christmas puzzle: 1. Thai; 2. French; 3. Cantonese; 4. Egyptian; 5. Tagalog; 6. Swahili; 7. German; 8. Russian; 9. Greek; 10. Spanish.

Christmas Story: Matthew; Hannah; Michael; Simon; Jacob.)



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What do YOU think of first when you hear the word Christmas?

A tree surrounded by presents? A big fat Santa? A special program at church or school? Most of us



love the Christmas season with special family visits and traditional holiday foods. Hopefully you'll also think about the wonderful story of Jesus' birth, which actually happened over 2,000 years ago. Christmas is all about **LOVING** and **GIVING**, and it started when God showed us how much He loves us all, by sending His only son, Jesus, to live on the earth.



You can read this wonderful story yourself in the first two chapters of each of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.



Jesus was more than just a special baby - He actually is the Word of God in human form. As we read about Jesus' life on earth, we start to understand the whole bible better, and as we come to know Jesus personally, the scriptures make more sense!

Read these Bible passages and find the gift that matches each one:

1) Genesis 37:3	2) Ruth 3:17	3) Matthew 10:42
4) Job 42:11	5) Esther 2:17	
6) 1 Kings 17:6	7) Matthew 2:11	8) John 21:13



True story!

Always believe in MIRACLES!!

Three years ago, a little boy and his grandmother came to see Santa at Mayfair Mall in Wisconsin. The child climbed up on his lap, holding a picture of a little girl. When Santa asked who she was, he learned her name was Sarah, and she was very sick with cancer. As the little boy went to get his toy, his grandmother came up to Santa with a very special request: she explained that little Sarah was dying and may not even last until Christmas. Could Santa please make a trip to the hospital to visit Sarah, as it would bring her so much joy? Santa realized that his own 9 yr old son was the same age as Sarah, and he knew that he HAD to go and visit her.

When he arrived at Sarah's room in the hospital, he saw the pale little girl lying very tired on the bed, surrounded by her brother and grandmother, and the rest of her family. It brought tears to Santa's eyes to realize this child was in pain and didn't have long to live. He forced himself to put on a big smile and called out a deep "Ho ho ho!" as he burst into the room in his bright red Santa suit. Little Sarah's eyes grew big as she excitedly reached her arms out to greet Santa. As they talked, she told him excitedly about all the toys she wanted for Christmas, assuring him she'd been a very good girl that year.

As their time together dwindled, Santa felt led in his spirit to pray for Sarah, and asked for permission from the girl's mother. She nodded in agreement and the entire family circled around Sarah's bed, holding hands. He asked that God touch little Sarah, and heal her body from this disease. He asked that angels minister to her, watch and keep her. Then he said to her: "Sarah, now you have a job to do, and that is to concentrate on getting well. I want you to have fun playing with your friends this summer, and I expect to see you at my house at Mayfair Mall this time next year!" He knew it was risky proclaiming that, to this little girl who had terminal cancer, but he "had" to. He had to give her the greatest gift he could -- not dolls or games or toys -- but the gift of HOPE

"Yes, Santa!" Sarah exclaimed, her eyes bright. He leaned down and kissed her on the forehead and left the room. As he walked away, Santa began to weep unashamedly.

One year later, Santa Claus was again back on the set in Milwaukee for his 6 week, seasonal job which he so loves to do. Several weeks went by and then one day a child came up to sit on his lap: "Hi, Santa! Remember me?!"

"Of course, I do," Santa proclaimed (as he always does), smiling down at her. After all, the secret to being a "good" Santa is to always make each child feel as if they are the "only" child in the world at that moment.

"You came to see me in the hospital last year!" Santa's jaw dropped. Tears immediately sprang in his eyes, and he grabbed this little miracle and held her to his chest. "Sarah!" he exclaimed. He scarcely recognized her for her hair was long and silky and her cheeks were rosy -- much different from the little girl he had visited just a year before. He looked over and saw Sarah's mother and grandmother in the sidelines smiling and waving and wiping their eyes.

That was the best Christmas ever for this Santa Claus. He had witnessed -- and been blessed to be instrumental in bringing about -- this miracle of hope. This precious little child was healed: cancer-free, alive and well. He silently looked up to Heaven and humbly whispered, "Thank you, Father." 'Tis a very, Merry Christmas!



Map of World Kids PALS Family



Turn the page to play a fun game to learn about other children who receive this World Kids PAL Page!



On the world map overleaf, each star represents a country where some children receive the World Kids PAL Page. Rearrange the letters of each word below, to form the names of the countries. Then write the number of the correct country name beside each star on the map. You can read about some of the different children's ministries that we are in contact with, and see what awesome work the Lord is doing around the world! If you would like to write to any of these contacts, let us know and we can put you in touch!

1. **TENINARAG** where Miriam teaches children how to pray for others around the world
2. **AHANG** where Joana teaches children in church, especially doing skits
3. **UALGAMEAT** where Luis teaches many children's ministry seminars and workshops
4. **VIALOBI** where Luis ministers to abandoned children
5. **DIANI** where Dake takes care of and ministers to dozens of children in his orphanage
6. **OXMICE** where Trini ministers to children in church
7. **PETGY** where two children, Maha and Sami, receive the Kids' page
8. **LECHI** where Jorge and Lorena have children's clubs
9. **ADUNGA** where Edward ministers to the children of prisoners
10. **BACU** where Otoniel ministers to children in a communist country
11. **DANNLEG** where a little boy, William, receives the Kids' page
12. **AURUGUY** where Lorena and Fabiana minister to children in church
13. **YANKE** where Mike ministers to children in schools and crusades, and teaches seminars
14. **AMANPA** where Chris teaches children in churches
15. **DRAILOF, AUS** where Alina teaches with drama skits and also ministers in Cuba
16. **SLIPPINHIPE** where Felisa ministers to children in churches
17. **ROAST CACI** where the Flores family ministers to children who are abused