



**HOW KWANZA STARTED**

Long ago, in our motherland, Africa, there were days when the people harvest their crops and after they harvest, they go on a fast for six days and on the seventh day they have games and a Big Feast!

The women cook and eat and the men play the drums and eat. The children play games and eat. The little sisters help the mamas and the brothers help the babas. Everybody is having fun. Sometimes the fun goes on till five o'clock in the morning. They really had fun. And they passed it down to us.

*Tene Young  
Age 9*

**KWANZA FOR BLACK PEOPLE**

Kwanza is a holiday for Black people. I think Black people should celebrate Kwanza, but many Black people do not know about Kwanza. Kwanza has seven days and each day represents a principle and those principles are called Nguzo Saba!

Our Ancestors celebrated Kwanza long ago. They said, "We will pass this down to our children and wherever our children go, they will celebrate Kwanza and Kwanza will be known throughout the world." And I think you and I should celebrate Kwanza this year, don't you? Happy Kwanza.

*John Carmichael Brown  
Age 10*

**I LIKE KWANZA**

**KWANZA**

Kwanza is a holiday for Black people. We sing songs at Kwanza and we can do the Black pledge. We sing and sing. I love Kwanza very much and we are happy Kwanza is for you and me. Kwanza is a celebration for Black people in this land and in Afrika.

*Serena Brown  
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**CHRISTMAS IS...**

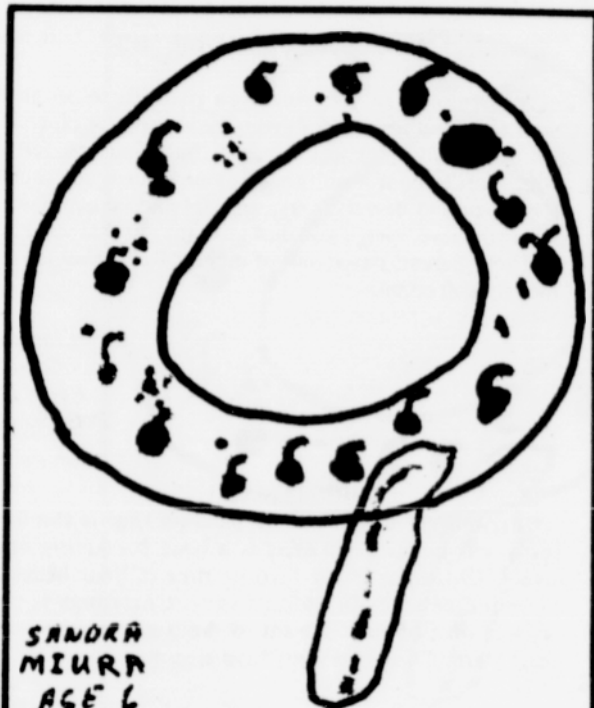
Christmas is a happy time  
Everything's just fine.  
We dash through the snow in a one horse open sleigh  
And we do our Christmas plays.  
And we remember it's Christ's birthday.

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**WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME**

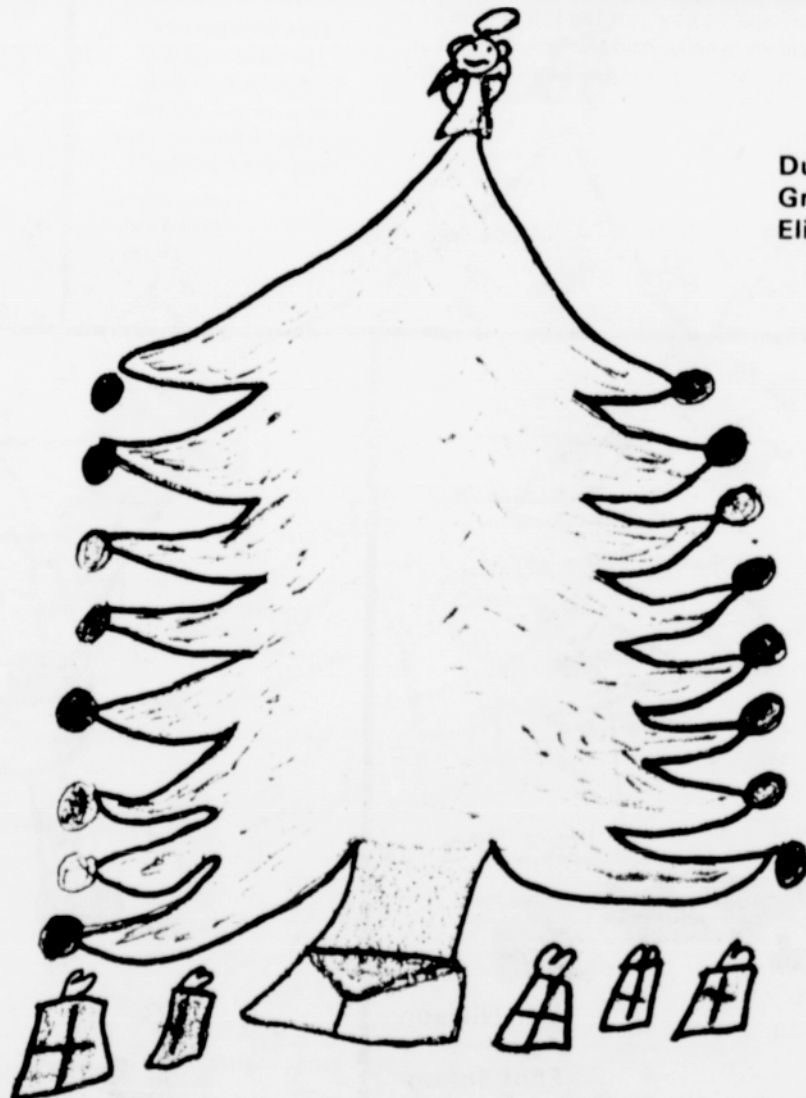
On Christmas we all have fun. We like to celebrate on that day. Some people like to go places, and do things on that day. Because it is SJesus' birthday. Most people eat dinners at their Aunt's hous or their Grandmother's house. People like that day because they get lots of presents, too. And they like that very much. Sometimes they get bikes, car toys, all kinds of stuff from the mother or father. We get stuff from our Grandmother or Grandfather or Aunt or Uncle and some friends and lots of your relatives like your cousins, teachers, girlfriend, boyfriend. We have to wait til we get done eating breakfast before we eat our candy. If we get any before Christmas. And we have to wake up to open up our presents and stuff.

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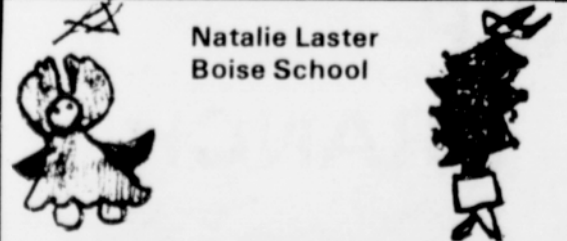


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