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MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 1  
LOW OF -4



TUESDAY:  
60% CHANCE  
OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 6  
LOW OF 2



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SHOWERS

HIGH OF 4  
LOW OF -7



THURSDAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF -1  
LOW OF -9



FRIDAY:  
CLOUDY

HIGH OF -2  
LOW OF -8

# Children's thoughts on Christmas



## THE SCOOP

### MABLE HASTINGS

*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"*

**Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**

On Saturday, December 2, I had the pleasure of interviewing a small group of children on the topic of Christmas. Ranging in ages from 6 to 11, these six girls had a lot of wisdom to share. I began by asking the girls how they would feel if Christmas came with no presents under the tree. "If Christmas came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags?"

"I don't think presents really matter," said Danika Robinson. "The holidays are more about family."

"If I didn't get any presents," shared Chloe Hirst, "I might feel a bit sad but I wouldn't judge my parents if they couldn't afford to buy presents. I would get them something and feel the same joy in giving as I do when I receive."

"Well," stated Kate Eldridge (the comedian of the group), "if there weren't any presents I would be a lot heavier than I am now because I would surely be stress eating to get myself through the trauma!"

I then asked the group about family traditions...

"My family always waits to decorate the tree until everyone is home and we can do it together," shared Emilie-anne

Sherrer.

"Together, my Dad and I always put up the handmade decorations that I have made over the years," said Danika Robinson.

"We watch Christmas movies together," said Alexis Eldridge.

It was right about that time when Kate decided to share another thought...

"Our family tradition has always been to get up early, run down the stairs and open our gifts but, my Dad is too old and heavy to run down the stairs now so, we have to walk and not hurry so fast."

"The Elf on a shelf is our another of our family traditions," said Emilie Anne Sherrer.

I asked the girls what they could do to help those in need during the holiday season and they had some great ideas.

"If you take the time to give a little something; a smile, a cake, a show of respect and care for another," said Chloe Hirst, "it can make all the difference. If you give and then that person gives and the next person gives, it creates a chain reaction and so many smiles," she added.

"I would ask Santa to bring love, food and clothing for the homeless or those in need," said Danika Robinson.

Chloe also suggested, "Peace, respect and happiness."

Dakota Paige said that she would ask for everyone to have a family and for there to be peace and no more wars.

Alexis Eldridge thought that the world needed more candy and that we should encourage everyone to PARTY!

By the end of our conversation thoughts were still being exchanged and questions shared. Who invented Christmas? Who came up with the Santa Clause idea? Had anyone ever seen a homeless person?

The girls then gathered around the youth centre Christmas tree for a photo as friends do and somewhere in the distance, I thought I heard Dr. Seuss laughing and a Christmas favorite dancing through the air...

"Welcome, welcome fahoo ramus  
Welcome, welcome dahoo damus  
Christmas day is in our grasp,  
So long as we have hands to clasp..."



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