Children’s thoughts on Christmas

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The girls then gathered around the youth centre Christmas tree for a photo and so many smiles,” she added. “The tree is a symbol of family. It’s something we can do 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.”

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