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My favorite holiday tradition is the annual Christmas play. My church has a play about how Jesus was born. Since I'm the second oldest kid at my church, I get to be Mary. Before the play we decorate the tree. We string popcorn to hang on the tree. My cousins break about two to three ornaments every year. The play has been done ever since my memaw was little. Even my mom and uncle were in it when they were my age. It brings back so many memories.

**Kaylena Foster, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin**

My family goes to North Carolina. We go to eat then, we go see my dad's brother. We come home late. We open our presents. Then, we see our pets!

**David Ornelas, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton**

Every Christmas my brother and I will stay awake as long as we can and try to catch Santa Claus. Since I can't stay awake that long, I eat candy and things with sugar like gingerbread people. I also watch movies with my brother and play a bunch of games. Sometimes we even open presents early. This is how my brother and I, not only get a sugar high, but celebrate this joyful holiday.

**Olivia Smith, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

My favorite holiday tradition is decorating the tree because my family will be there. I would like to see them.

**Madison Darnell, 3rd, Fort Blackmore Primary, Ms. Burke**

My favorite holiday tradition is when my nana, aunt, and other family members make candies like fudge, peanut butter balls, and chocolate balls. We go up to the church and have a Christmas dinner and then every family gets a box of candy. After that, Papaw reads out of the Bible.

**Adriane Moore, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brown**

Today I'm going to talk about my favorite holiday, Easter! When my family does Easter we hide TONS of eggs in really hidden spots—one wasn't found until a few weeks ago! After we find all the Easter eggs we have lunch with baked and mashed potatoes, honey ham and obviously, eggs! I love Easter.

**Aidan Dennison, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

My favorite tradition is going to Speedway in Lights. They have dinosaurs there. You can unbuckle your seatbelt as you drive through. When we get to the end we drink hot chocolate and see Santa.

**Brylee Hall, 1st, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Light**

My favorite Christmas tradition is my sister, brother, and I go to my grandmother and grandfather's house, help carry the tree and ornaments from the garage, and help set up the tree in the living room. First we get the large body of the tree, then the medium, then the small top. Next we put on the lights, the ornaments, and the star. My second favorite tradition is first my family will set up our tree then, we make the cookies for Santa.

**Ethan Perkins, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brown**

Every year my family goes to my aunt's house. We get our presents and just spend time with my aunt and uncle. We watch TV and we get candy at the end.

**Gabby Hinkle, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton**

## Write about a favorite holiday tradition.

My favorite holiday tradition is every year when we watch How the Grinch Stole Christmas. This is my favorite Christmas movie, and I love watching it with my family. This tradition holds a very special place in my heart because it's such a good movie, and it just makes me so happy. My favorite part is when Cindy Lou Who goes to invite the Grinch to the Christmas celebration, and he is trying to find an outfit to wear, and he comes out in the tablecloth. I die laughing because it is so funny. I enjoy all of my family's traditions, but this is my favorite one out of all of them.

**Kailynn Gillenwater, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

Every Christmas my grandma comes over. We see her once a month, but on Christmas she comes and she brings presents with her. It is a tradition that always happens.

**Turner Winstead, 4th, Mount Carmel Elementary, Ms. Tipton**

My favorite holiday tradition is the pickle in the Christmas tree. My nana hides a pickle in the Christmas tree every year. Whoever finds it first gets twenty dollars.

**Emma Wright, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks**

My holiday tradition is that my sisters, mom, stepdad, and I go to our Mamaw Darlene and Papaw Tommy's and open presents on Christmas Eve with all of our family. My Uncle Terry brings all the adults Christmas stockings with banana bread, apple butter, and lots of other treats. My Aunt Jen brings all the kids treat bags with lots of candy. My Aunt Sharon bought a new board game for all of us to play. It is really fun to celebrate Christmas with my family!

**Graci Flanary, 5th, Pennington Middle, Mrs. Elkins**

My favorite Christmas traditions are eating food, praying over the food, opening gifts, and making a cake for Jesus' birthday. We like to play games together too.

**Alyssa Garrett, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer**

My favorite holiday tradition is going to see the Santa Train. The Santa Train comes once a year. Santa throws toys off the back of the train. I caught a doll from the Santa Train.

**Siriana Davis, 1st, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Light**

My favorite holiday tradition at Christmas is when my family and I play card games. My favorite one is Spoons.

**Dannie Saylor, 6th, Elydale Middle, Mrs. Gulley**

My favorite holiday tradition is making cookies! I love how they taste. I love to feel how hot they are. I love hearing and watching them cook. I have a lot of Christmas traditions, but baking cookies is my favorite of all.

**Jorden Maracle, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

I have many holiday traditions but there is one I love. I love my grandma's holiday tradition. My cousin and I drink hot cocoa and watch Christmas movies. I love staying with my grandma around Christmas.

**Nathan Shelburne, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones**



My favorite tradition is celebrating Halloween. First, I like Halloween because you get free candy. Next, you get to dress up in a scary costume. Then comes the best part of Halloween—hanging out with your family. That is why Halloween is my favorite holiday to celebrate.

**Tyelor Snyder, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Edwards**

I spend time with cousins, bake cookies, and decorate the tree.

**Mason Buchanan, 2nd, Fort Blackmore Primary, Ms. Burke**

My favorite holiday tradition is on Thanksgiving. We get to eat all kinds of things like yams, turkey, deviled eggs with paprika, ham, mashed potatoes, and beans. Then, after we eat at my brother's house I get to stay at his house. I get to play games and relax. It is great.

**Shawn Johnson, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones**

Every year around Christmas, my family and I always set up Christmas villages in our living room. This tradition has been going on since before I was born, and it's one of my favorite things about Christmas. We put cotton boards that we cut up on top of the fireplace and tables to look like snow. Then we put small people, trees, and porcelain buildings on top of our fake snow to make astonishingly beautiful scenes. These villages aren't just any decorations though; our villages tell stories. Stories of children playing, people singing, waiters serving, and farmers greeting. I can get so caught up with these stories that I'll sit and watch the tiny people for hours at a time, and sometimes it starts to feel like I'm part of them. Seeing all the lit buildings takes my breath away every year, and it always makes my Christmas Day that much more special.

**Kaycee Bowman, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

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