

# KIDS FOR YAH

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## The Real Christmas Story

As a young believer, you're probably noticing that the world is getting ready for the Christmas holiday. You might even be hearing that all this being done to honor the birth of Yahshua the Messiah. But was the Messiah actually born on December 25th? The answer is no! He was most likely born during the fall season and possibly during Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles.



So where does Christmas come from? Christmas has a very long history, and most of its customs come directly from paganism. Christmas trees were decorated as long ago as ancient Babylon! People long ago worshipped the sun, and that is where wreaths come from, as a circular symbol represented the sun in ancient times.

Yahweh's people do not celebrate Christmas because Yahweh commands His people to avoid pagan practices. Pagan customs do not honor Yahweh in any way. In fact, Yahweh tells us which holy days to celebrate in Leviticus 23. We are absolutely positive that none of Yahshua's disciples in the first century ever celebrated Christmas. They would have continued to celebrate the true Holy Days.

Santa Claus is also a bad tradition. Many children in the world are taught that Santa Claus is watching them and knows whether they are naughty or nice. But the Bible says that Yahweh alone knows our hearts! It is time to make a choice whether to obey Yahweh alone or pagan traditions. Choose Yahweh, choose life!



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*"You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another,"*

Leviticus 19:11 NKJV.

*"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator,"*

Colossians 3:9-11 NIV.

## See if you remember!

1. When was Yahshua most likely born?
  - A. On December 25th of course!
  - B. Probably in the fall, possibly during Tabernacles.
  - C. Sometime in spring.
  - D. Sometime in summer.
  
2. Christmas customs generally come from
  - A. Pagan practices.
  - B. Sun worship.
  - C. The Bible.
  - D. Only A. and B. are true.
  
3. A wreath is a circular symbol that represented:
  - A. Pizza.
  - B. The earth.
  - C. The sun.
  - D. The moon.
  
4. True or false? Santa Claus knows whether you are bad or good.
  - A. False, only Yahweh knows everything.
  - B. True, Santa Claus is all-knowing.
  
5. True or False? Christmas honors Yahweh.
  - A. True. It's okay to borrow pagan customs to worship Yahweh.
  - B. False. Yahweh has His own Holy Days that we are to celebrate.



## YAHWEH'S HOLY DAYS

For those of you who are new to Yahweh's Holy Days, please read together with your parents the entire chapter of Leviticus 23. You will notice that Yahweh commands His people to observe certain special days. Also, of interest is that you will not find holidays such as Valentine's Day, Easter, Christmas, or Halloween being mentioned. That is because Yahweh's true believers will not be keeping the holidays that have pagan roots! Below is a list of the true observances we are expected to keep. Find the words in the box below. Some might be found backwards.

**Passover**      Unleavened Bread      **Pentecost**      **Trumpets**  
**ATONEMENT**      **TABERNACLES**      **LAST GREAT DAY**

H	U	P	T	A	B	E	R	N	A	C	L	E	S	A
E	I	E	E	F	A	S	T	K	N	T	C	W	Q	T
Z	Z	A	E	N	M	F	T	I	P	N	J	C	S	O
G	K	Q	K	J	T	M	M	E	W	D	D	C	P	N
N	Q	Q	Z	T	U	E	X	G	P	X	P	X	H	E
Y	N	I	W	W	V	H	C	K	F	M	I	O	M	M
R	E	V	O	S	S	A	P	O	Q	E	U	T	A	E
Y	A	D	T	A	E	R	G	T	S	A	L	R	C	N
A	Z	K	V	J	S	E	W	H	T	T	Q	W	T	T
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## Wisdom: Be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove

Christmas time is often a difficult time for students who attend public school as many art projects and activities are centered around pagan practices. Your parents probably explained to your teachers that you do not celebrate Christmas and will not be participating in festivities.

You may feel very left out during this time of year, but you can still do art projects that are appropriate and honor Yahweh. For instance, instead of drawing a Christmas tree, why not draw a lovely winter scene with snow flakes, ice skating, or a family building a snow man together?

Most teachers are very understanding about children with beliefs different from those commonly practiced. That is why it is so important for your parents to keep a close working relationship with them. This may be a stressful time of year, but it will pass quickly. Just focus on setting the right example to those around you. Yahweh bless you as you seek to serve Him!

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