Religious Education

Celebrating Christmas



Christmas is a celebration of the birth of **Jesus Christ**. The focus should therefore be on Jesus and His love for mankind. As it is often stated, "Jesus is the reason for the season." God gave His best gift to the world, Jesus Christ. Jesus' birth brought salvation to all mankind.

There are many ways to make the Christmas holiday more meaningful. They include the following:

- **Celebrate the birth of Jesus by attending church services and concerts.**
- **Spend time with family and friends.**
- **Give gifts to those who are less fortunate.**

Christmas is an exciting time in The Bahamas. Most Bahamians celebrate by going to church services. They also celebrate by cleaning and decorating their homes, having family dinners and giving gifts. **Junkanoo** is a popular festival that all Bahamians enjoy at Christmas.

Christmas celebrations have evolved over the years. In the past, churches would have Christmas story. This tradition has continued in the form of Christmas productions and cantatas. Also in the past, persons gave small, inexpensive gifts to their loved ones. Today gifts are more extravagant and the sincerity of the giver seems to be missing.

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for families and the larger community to come together. Old traditions could continue and new ones could be established. A new family tradition that could be established is the making of ornaments for the Christmas tree. Communities can get together and clean-up for Christmas, decorate parks or give coins (Coins for Christmas) for the less fortunate.

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