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Is there a special gift that you  
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Hell for all eternity.

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God loves us but He hates our sin  
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have gone astray; we have turned  
everyone to his own way..."

We have all gone our way instead  
of God's way and ended up being  
lost in our sins. So God did  
something for us that only He  
could do. This is the reason we  
have Christmas.

Christmas is about Jesus Christ.  
Christmas is when we celebrate  
Christ's birthday. Jesus is God  
Himself who came to this earth,  
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You don't work for a gift, you just receive it and accept it. If you work for something it's not a gift, it would be a payment. Then you could brag or boast about being good enough to go to Heaven. When you get a present on Christmas morning, you don't leave it in the giftwrap in the corner. You open it and play with it or use it. It is the same thing with eternal life. God offers it to you as a free gift but you must accept it. Don't leave this precious gift wrapped up in the corner. Open it and start using it. If you don't actually accept it as your own, it really isn't yours no matter how much God wants you to have it.

If there were any other way for us to get to Heaven, then Jesus would not have had to die on the cross for our sins. We could have just gone to Heaven another way. But the Bible tells us "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we MUST be saved." (Acts 4:12) Since there was no other way for us to have eternal life, Jesus came and took care of us. That's Love! Won't you accept this payment that Jesus made on the cross for you? Remember that this is Jesus birthday. He loves you so much that He died for you to give you a home in Heaven. What better gift could you give to God on His birthday? You give Him your temporary life and God gives you an eternal life. From that point on, your salvation is settled. In 1 John 5:13 the Bible tells us that we can know we have eternal life. This is because you have just put your destiny in God's hands and not yours or anyone elses.

Here is a prayer that you can say to ask God to forgive you of your sins.

Dear God, I know I am a sinner, and that there is no way that I can get myself into Heaven. I know that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and I am accepting the payment that He made on the cross for me. Please forgive me of my sins and allow me to live with you in Heaven someday. God, I thank you for forgiving me of my sins. Please help me to serve you in my daily life. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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