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Christmas, a time to lie to our children.

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Christmas, a time to lie to our children.

It seems that most parents don't understand, or don't want to understand, the difference between make-believe, and lying.

For something to be **make-believe**,
all the players must know it is make-believe.

Trying to convince children or anyone,
a falsehood is true/real, is **lying**.

Santa Claus is not make-believe, because the effort is to get the children to believe that Santa Clause truly exists. Asking 'What did Santa Claus bring you for Christmas?', is being part of the lie. And every time we talk, as if Santa Claus is real, we are deceiving (*lying to*) the children.

Lying is defying God.

So how can we honor Jesus Christ,
while we are lying to our children?

Doesn't lying make us a hypocrite?

We want Christmas, to be a exciting day for the children. The children's excitement is a result of the gifts, not Santa Claus. Children understand, enjoy, and get very excited about a birthday party for Jesus Christ, in which they receive all their gifts.

Children learn by example. If we always tell our children the truth, our children will always believe us. If we tell our children falsehoods, they'll believe that it is acceptable to tell lies; and will question our truthfulness, when we talk to them.

What does God think about Santa Claus; the lie which has taken center stage away from Jesus Christ, on Christmas?

As Christians,
let's celebrate Christ's birthday in truth,
with our children.

- *Christmas is a day, which people have chosen to honor Jesus Christ.*
- *Biblical scholars believe that December 25th is not the correct date of Christ's birth. But since we don't know the correct date of his birth, we continue to celebrate it on December 25th.*