



Christmas at the Sanctuary Orphanage in Romania

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*“For unto us a child
is born, unto us a
son is given”*

Isaiah 9:6

photos from previous years celebrations



Our children love Christmas! It is their favorite holiday. We set up the tree with the kids and decorate the house. They love the spirit of Christmas — decorating, cleaning, and getting ready for this amazing holiday. On December 23rd, the kids will be on vacation from school; they will all be happy that day.

We talk with the children regularly about Jesus, but at Christmas, everyone is so amazed at how much God loved us by sending His Son into our world. On Christmas day, we all go together to church. The small kids recite poems and Bible verses and the big children usually sing.

On the night of December 24th, the children open gifts; everyone is really happy for presents. The big kids stay out all night Christmas caroling with the youth group from church. They talk with people about Jesus and spread the Good News. The children look forward to seeing their friends who are back home for Christmas; they have fun together. The small kids usually go caroling with someone in the afternoon.

We always prepare a big meal with all kinds of traditional Christmas food and lots of cookies. Our kids love to share with others at Christmas time. They especially like to share with people who don't have all the things that they have. Our children put together packages to help needy families. Christmas is not just about receiving presents. They know we have greater joy when we give than when we receive. It is an important lesson for each of us. Our kids are truly an example for all around them.

*Each year your
donations help
give the children
a wonderful
Christmas!
Thank you!*

One thing we also love about Christmas is that we have time to talk, discuss, and spend precious time with our children. We have a lot of activities and fun. They love to play games, have snow fights, make snowmen, watch Christmas movies, listen to Christmas songs, and spend time with the ones they love.

Everyone has joy, peace, happiness, and love during this special holiday. Christmas is not about trees, food, or gifts. Jesus is the reason for the season!

