



# Tinker's Thinkers

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## Traditions

What was your Christmas like as a child?

Being of Scandinavian heritage Christmas Eve was the big day. Smorgasbord, Yum! The cousins vying for the most Swedish meatballs eaten crown! Candlelight Service over, we headed home for a few presents under the tree. They were all family gifts. Santa did visit us to share the Joy of Christmas, but that was the next morning. And of course there were Christmas cookies.

I remember the preparation.

Decorating the house. Baking and baking and baking. Shopping for the right gifts on the funds from our Christmas club ( a bank account a child could have

specifically for Christmas saving.)

Advent services, Christmas play lines to learn, choir practice, and the setting up of the nativity set. My dad had made the stable. The figures were fragile and we handled with care. Even as a little child I remember playing with the figures ( I broke my share of lambs legs!)

Advent literally means ... coming! Jesus coming to us as a babe, to be our Savior. God keeping His promise to us!

In our home we definitely knew, at the youngest age, that Christmas was about Jesus.

To keep the focus my parents brought us to services, choral concerts and the Nativity set was a prominent



piece of the Christmas decorations. Broken legs or pieces were glued (sometimes replaced.) I am thrilled that today there is no shortage of child friendly nativity sets for little ones. No need to worry, but then, maybe teaching the respect and care of the set is not a bad thing. They are learning everyday!

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\* **God never** \*  
\* **makes a** \*  
\* **promise** \*  
\* **He Doesn't** \*  
\* **keep** \*  
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## Important

You are invited to join us for Jesus Birthday parties.

They will include  
Chapel

Story time in the classroom.

Crafts to make together with your child

And of course snack! Jesus Birthday cake

The children will want to sing for you and give you the gift they will be making for you this month.

They will begin at 9:00 on your scheduled day and end about 11:00 or when we are done with our activities!

Thursday children scheduled till 1:00 are welcome to stay.

Friday all preschool and elementary students are finished at 11:30



## At Home

We will be using the Advent wreath in the classroom to tell the Christmas story.....and yes many, many books, songs and finger plays!

Favorite action poems

I'm a little Christmas tree  
See the flashing lights on me.  
Candy canes all red and white  
Shiny balls all big and bright

It's Jesus birthday you see  
That's why I'm a Christmas tree!

Here's a manger filled with hay  
Here's the place were Jesus lay  
Here's the star that shone so bright

As a sign of love that first Christmas night

