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Celebrating in the Past



Christmas is a very important celebration in many cultures. Nowadays, people spend a lot of time and money on it. But how did people celebrate Christmas in the past?

Henry, one of the *Come Along* writers, asked his Aunt to describe her childhood Christmas.

"My name is Susan. I was born in 1939, just before the war started. I don't remember it much, but after the war it was a difficult time. We didn't have much money or things and there wasn't much food. However, we were all very excited when Christmas came.

We always went to church on Christmas Eve. Inside, the children got a Christingle, an orange with a candle on it. There were sweets stuck on the orange so that was a wonderful treat. At home, we had a Christmas tree and the presents were next to it. It was very exciting.

On Christmas day we opened the presents. We had some small presents, like chocolate and a small toy, in a stocking next to our beds. We opened the main presents together after breakfast. We only got one or two presents, but that was fine. I remember one year our parents gave me a beautiful doll and my brother a board game. We played that game again and again.

Then Mother made Christmas lunch. We didn't have a freezer, so Father had to buy the turkey the day before from the butcher. With the turkey we ate roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, and Brussels sprouts. It was very delicious. After lunch we went to the living room. We didn't have a TV so everyone listened to the Queen on the radio and then Father fell asleep on the sofa. Mother washed the dishes in the kitchen and then she made cold turkey sandwiches from the leftovers.

Christmas is bigger now, but those were special times."



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b) Mitä yksityiskohtia kertojan lapsuuden joulunvietosta saitte selville?

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