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## A Christmas "Thank you"

December 29, 1979

Dear Father,

We hope you had a very nice Christmas. You certainly made our Christmas a wonderful one! Your gift couldn't have been more perfect.

I agree with you that other things might have appeared more "flashy" and that sometimes the intrinsic value of something is not immediately seen...that it must pass the test of time. We had other gifts, of course, and all those others were fun for awhile; but each and every one of them either got broken, worn out...or just plain lost its fascination.

You certainly knew what you were doing when you sent something simple and straight forward. Not only has it lasted, but even though it's sometimes put aside, it is always taken out again, while all those others have long since been tossed away.

One of the neatest things about your gift is its timelessness: a gift for any age. It's simple enough for a child...and yet, the more you understand it, the more fascinating it becomes (even for us older "kids"). Truly a gift for the entire family.

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But the best thing of all is the fact that it was “home-made”; and because you put a portion of yourself into it, I am reminded of you every time I look at it.

I apologize for not keeping in touch more often, It seems that most of my communications only occur around this time of the year; but I’ll try to do better from now on...honest.

Thank you for inviting us to supper on Sunday. We wouldn’t miss it for the world!

Looking forward to coming.

With much love,

Your child

P.S. Say “Hi” to all the Angels for me, and a special “Happy Birthday” to your Son...our Lord.

*(Edited, November 30, 2012.)*