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 Find and circle each of the words from the list below. Words may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally in the grid.

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CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS?

CANDLES MANGER CAROLERS WISEMEN BETHLEHEM ANGELS STOCKINGS
SUGAR COOKIES STABLE SHEPHERDS CANDY CANES SLEIGH RIDE CHOCOLATE
STAR TREE BELLS HOLLY BABY GIFTS LIGHTS

STORYLINE ... FOR KIDS!



In The Light

Written by Terry Schmidt

Luke is 12 years old and in Grade 6 at Glenmore Christian Academy. He and his parents and older sister have been attending First Alliance Church for the past eight years and they are all serving here.

He loves hanging out with his friends at school; even though some classes can be difficult, Luke works hard at keeping his grades up.

"I don't want poor grades to hold me back," Luke says. "I don't like that feeling that I'm going to fail. I like to know that I'm going to do well." Luke feels that asking for extra help can be embarrassing and can set you up for teasing. "But I definitely need help and it's worth it to know that you'll do the best that you can."

Luke likes to play baseball and is taking a five-month training camp this winter to improve his skills for the spring league.

He's also just getting into hockey. But one of his great loves is theatre.

Luke has taken a two-week drama camp for the past two years and took part in the Discovery-Camps Music Theatre Camp this past summer where he performed in *The Agape League*. This fall he joined the *Launch* Student Leadership program for middle school students and is participating in the Dramatic Arts track. He performed in *The Giving List* at the "Stars of Christmas" event on Sunday, December 6.

"I love dressing up and being someone else on stage," Luke explains. **"And there's a feeling you can give people when you're acting. Give them goosebumps when it feels real.** And when you act in the church, you can show people God ... what He did for us. Like dying on the cross."

What does Luke have to say to other kids who might want to join in drama in the church?

"Well, you learn so much, and not just about being on stage, but it's a lot of fun. You'll meet a lot of new friends!" he exclaims. **"They should come join us!"** ●



Written by Terry Schmidt

Snow Day, Fun Day!

They don't come along often, but when they do it's like Christmas morning and summer holidays all blended into one day.

It's been snowing all night and you wake up to a sparkling white blanket on your front yard ... not a footstep in it! You turn on the morning news and sure as shooting, it's been declared a 'Snow Day! All the yellow buses are grounded and you get a bonus day off school.

After you say a little prayer of gratitude and wonder what you did to deserve this great gift, here's a few things to help plan out your day for maximum fun and games:

- **Make it an all-day pajama party!** You've got nowhere to go, so why get dressed? Have a big breakfast with pancakes and syrup and bacon and watch movies all afternoon.
- **Make some Snow Candy!** Pack a pan with some of that clean fresh snow from outside. Boil some maple syrup to 235F and then drizzle it over that cold snow. Leave it for a few minutes then pull it out and enjoy this taffy-like sweet! (You might need some adult help for that hot syrup!)

- **Have a Yahtzee tournament with friends!** Even if you're home alone, you can Skype in your best buddy and as long as you have five dice each and a Yahtzee score sheet (you can find one online), you're good to go to see who can get the highest score!
- **Have an indoor picnic!** Crank the heat and put some shorts on, lay a blanket down on the living room floor and have some good ol' picnic food ... like sandwiches and potato chips and fruit! Play some indoor Frisbee – but watch out for mom's lamps and vases!
- **Get outside for some snow fun!** You know the standard stuff; making snow angels, building a snowman or a snow fort. But don't forget the snow games. Ever played tug of war or dodgeball or football in the snow? Tons of fun and tackles don't hurt so much when you're falling in fluff. •

You know that tomorrow you'll be heading back to school, so make sure you make the most of your Snow Day!

My Favourite Christmas Gift

Christmas is my favourite holiday. I love it because I can spend time with my family. I also like it because we are celebrating Jesus' birth. I usually go to South Africa to visit my family so I have not really had a white Christmas except when I was young. My favourite Christmas gift ever was a sewing kit. I love making blankets, purses and bracelets with it. In the sewing kit I got tons of different fabrics. My top three are probably the ice cream print, the dog fabric and the light blue material. I also got fabric scissors and sewing needles in the kit.

I also think it's a great gift because I can make things out of it for the Samaritan's Purse shoebox at church. I love doing the shoebox because you can give to kids who don't have as much and you don't have to give to just your age, you can give to older or younger kids, too. I usually pack in hair ties, hair brushes, books and a piece of clothing. I also love packing in small toys, board games, notebooks, pens and pencils. I have given to Samaritan's Purse for about 5 years. I really enjoy it because I can give to children who don't have as much as I do. •

Written by Emma Venter

