Christ is the Heart of Christmas

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December’s here! Let’s decorate,
Put up the tree, fill cookie plates!
Let’s rush out to the shopping malls,
Sing Christmas carols, deck the halls!

I’m glad that Christmas Day is near.
I love this special time of year,
Because I know, right from the start,
That Jesus’ birth is at the heart.
Each moment with my family,
Like when we trim the Christmas tree,
Is a reminder of the love
Our Father sends from heaven above.

And at the heart, each decoration
Is for the birthday celebration!
When I see candles glowing bright,  
Or any other Christmas light,  
I think of Jesus Christ who comes  
To shine God’s Light on everyone!
Even the winter snow I see
Reminds me of God’s gift to me.
Christ makes me clean and new, I know.
My heart is bright like fallen snow.
Christmas comes with colored lights, Snowmen, trees and other sights. But there is a better part, Something special at the heart.

Silver bells are jingling. Carolers join in and sing. My heart starts to beat along. Every note a welcome song.

Greeting cards are being sent. Presents wrapped like peppermint. Giving helps remind me of Our great gift from God above.

What's the heart of all this joy? God sends us a baby boy! And now we say He's the heart of Christmas Day! What's the heart of all this joy? God sends us a baby boy! And now we say He's the heart of Christmas Day!

This side shows the FRONT of the centerpiece.
As a child joins her family in festive holiday activities, she learns the happy news that God’s loving gift of Jesus is truly the centerpiece—the heart—of our Christmas joy and celebration.

Prepare for Jesus’ birthday in a new and meaningful way as you celebrate the news that Christ is the Heart of Christmas. Find the Christ is the Heart of Christmas activity sheet at the center of this book and follow the instructions for assembly. Display your Christ is the Heart of Christmas centerpiece throughout the season.

Each day of December, choose a heart-shaped piece from the display. Follow the directions for the day, remembering that Jesus is at the heart of all our Christmas joy and celebration.