

***Note:** Students are instructed to write the following essay in their English fair copy with pen.*

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a holy festival of Christians. Lord Jesus Christ was born on 25th of December. So, Christmas is celebrated on this day. Houses and churches are cleaned and white-washed. These are decorated with flowers, banners, buntings and crosses made of wood or metal.

The altar of Jesus Christ and Mother Mary are also decorated with candles and flowers. A separate cradle is made for the baby Jesus in the courtyard of the church. After the midnight prayers at the church, Christians go home and feast. They beautify their homes with coloured lights and a Christmas tree.

At the foot of the tree, they place gifts for each other. Small children hang their stockings near their bed. They believe that Santa Clause will come in the night and place gifts in it.

People hold parties and dinners to celebrate the occasion. They sing Christmas hymns and Christmas carols. The festival comes to an end amidst fun and laughter. It teaches us the value of love and sacrifice.