

# The Christmas Tree

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Susan's favorite holiday was Christmas.

Presents were great.

The food was even better, especially cookies.

These were not the best things about Christmas, though, at least not to her.

The best thing was Christmas trees.

She loved to decorate Christmas Trees.

Fake ones were okay, but real ones were the best.

The smell of pine needles was so fresh and nice.

It made her think of clean air.

Susan always started with the lights.

The twinkling lights looked like stars.

Next was the tinsel.

Shiny strands of gold were strung around the tree.

Then there were strings of popcorn.

The white fluffy corn hung on a string was pretty.

It looked like snow, sort of.

Then the bulbs in every color were hung around the tree.

There were red ones, pink ones, yellow, and blue.

The last piece was the star on top.

Her father had to help her with that, because he was much taller than her.

Afterward, she could stand back and enjoy the tree.

Her whole family loved to look at the tree.

The tree would last a couple weeks.

It was sad to see it go, but there was always next year!



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  - D. New Year's Eve
  
2. What is Susan's favorite part of Christmas?
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  - B. presents
  - C. parties
  - D. Christmas trees
  
3. What is the first thing and last thing on the tree?
  - A. First are the lights, and last is the star on top.
  - B. First are the bulbs, and last are the popcorn strings.
  - C. First are the tinsel strands, and last is the star on top.
  - D. First are the lights, and last are the tinsel strands.
  
4. Who has to help Susan with the star?
  - A. brother
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  - C. mother
  - D. father
  
5. Why is Susan not too sad when the tree is gone?
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