**Christmas - Funnies**

**Dolly wakes up her Mom and asks: “It’s after midnight. NOW how many days till Christmas?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**One woman says to another: “Where are you two off to?” The other woman responds: “I'm introducing Lin to an American holiday tradition! Hitting the mall the day after Christmas.” (Tom Batiuk, in Funky Winkerbean comic strip)**

**Billy says to his Mom: “I’m gonna go for a walk down the street. Grandma said Christmas is just around the corner.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Billy looks up at his mother and asks: “How many ‘behave days’ ‘til Christmas?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**My birthday is December 25. Years ago, one Christmas Day in church, the minister asked the Sunday school children, “Who was born on this day?” Very proudly I put up my hand and said, “I was.” The silence that fell over the church made me realize what I had done. I wanted to crawl under the pews and escape out the front door. But I could only sit there and hang my head. After the service, the minister wished me a happy birthday, which made me feel better. I’ve carried this memory for 60 years, and I can laugh about it now. *(Janice Zozzaro, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**The little boy looks at the snowman and says: “I wonder why he’s sad.” Little girl: “Probably because someone made him so bloated looking.” The little boy then says to the snowman: “Don’t worry, it’s mostly water weight.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Normal people can always predict when the holidays are near at hand. There is an air of excitement, the smell of holly, the ringing of bells, the singing of carols. At our house, if we have measles, it must be Christmas. (Erma Bombeck)**

**“For Christmas,” a woman remarked to her friend, “I got a visit from a jolly, bearded fellow with a great big bag over his shoulder. My son came home from college with his laundry.” *(Morrie Brinkman, Washington Star Syndicate)***

**Woman: “Doesn’t Christmas make you long for a bundle of joy, Lance?” Lance: “You mean one of those meat-and-cheese gift baskets from Hickory Farms? You bet!” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Son: “Mom, you’re right!” Mom: “I am? Wait, let me get this on tape!” Son: “Look at all these ads for toys and games and stuff! None of this is about peace or goodwill or the spirit of the season! It’s all about buying stuff! Just like you said!” Mom: “You know, you are one very cool dude.” Son: “Is this a great time to be a kid, or what?” *(Ed Stein, in Denver Square comic strip)***

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**One day last month I opened my morning newspaper and saw a cartoon depicting a child in a department store saying to his mother, “Look, Mommy! Christmas decorations. It must be close to Halloween.” *(Joy O. Daane)***

 **In a Peanuts cartoon at Christmastime, Lucy is going around wishing a “Merry Christmas” to everyone. Then she comes to Charlie Brown. “Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown. Since it's this time of the year, I think we ought to bury past differences and try to be kind.” Charlie Brown asks, “Why does it just have to be this time of the year? Why can't it be all year long?” Lucy scoffs, “What are you, some kind of fanatic?” (King Duncan & Angela Akers, in Amusing Grace, p. 349)**

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**Luann: “Mrs. Horner, am I doomed to be Tiffany forever?” Mrs. Horner: “That’s up to you, Luann. The Beatles said: ‘The love you take is equal to the love you make.’ You must stop clutching at happiness and give happiness to others. Stop being the center of the universe. Be compassionate. Be Magnanimous. Has anything I’ve said made an impression?” Luann: “You know Beatles lyrics?” *(Greg Evans, in Luann comic strip)***

**As Grandma looks at the snowman that the little one is building, she says: “He doesn't exactly evoke that classic ‘Currier and Ives’ feeling.” Grandchild: “Well, where the heck am I supposed to find a stove-pipe hat and a corncob pipe?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Man: “Christmas has become so commercialized, and sometimes I feel we’re just adding to it. Will we be able to teach our kids what it’s really all about?” Man: “Dad taught us to remember the three F’s: Family, food and football!” *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**I'm just an old-fashioned girl. I have a green Christmas tree and a black telephone. (Phyllis Diller)**

**One turkey says to the other: “I don’t mind telling you I’m glad Christmas is over!” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

**Dolly asks her Mother: “Mrs. Clarke says we’ll exchange names for Christmas. Won’t I be Dolly anymore?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Dolly asks Billy while looking at a calendar: “Christmas is my favorite month. What’s yours?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**In Hornell, N.Y., police nabbed 15 fugitives after they were sent bogus offers of a free Christmas ham dinner, if they’d simply come to the police station to pick them up. *(Bill Flick, 1995)***

 **Signs of the Season: At a gas station: “Season's Greasings.” (Harvey J. Cowell, in Reader's Digest)**

**As Dad hits his finger with the hammer while hanging a Christmas decoration, Dennis says to him: “You did it wrong, Dad. It’s s’posed to be hung by the chimney with care.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***

**It was Christmastime, and a kindergarten teacher was receiving gifts from her pupils. The florist's son handed her a box. "I bet I know what it is," the teacher said. "Flowers!" "That's right," said the boy. Next, the daughter of the candy store owner handed her a box. "Is it assorted chocolates?" "Yes!" The next gift was from the son of the liquor store owner. The package was leaking, so the teacher touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she asked. "No," the boy replied excitedly. The teacher tried another drop. "Is it champagne?" The boy, grinning, shook his head. The teacher took one more taste before declaring, "I give up, what is it?" "It's a puppy!" *(MIDDLESCHOOLMATTERS.COM)***

**As the radio plays “You better watch out, you better not cry, better not pout,” Billy asks: “Mommy, I know all about cryin’ but have I learned to POUT yet?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**Al-Qaida is planning Christmas attacks in the U.S. and Europe. The U.S. government sprang into action and told Al-Qaida, “Hey, you cannot call them Christmas attacks. You have to call them holiday attacks.” (Jay Leno, 2011)**

**And did you hear that the atheists have produced a Christmas play? It’s called Coincidence on 34th Street. *(Jay Leno)***

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**Girl: “C’mon, there has to be something I can buy you for Christmas.” Boy: “How can I think about material things when I’m surrounded by so much natural beauty?” Girl: “Now I know how Henry David Thoreau’s sister must have felt.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Don't you just hate the blatant materialism surrounding Christmas? And aren't you just dying to know what you got? (Melanie Clark, in Reader's Digest)**

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**Man: “What’s in the bag?” Woman: “Mistletoe.” Man: “What’re you going to do with that much mistletoe? Cover your whole ceiling?” Woman: “Better. I’m going to make a hat!” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**Billy says to his friend: “Santa finds out who’s naughty and nice by checking on who’s sent to the principal’s office.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**As a professor at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., I often begin class by telling a story about my son who attends the U. S. Naval Academy. Last December, one ingenious student left me a note on the blackboard, wishing me a merry Christmas with the following words: “Feliz Navydad!” *(Bing B. Bayer)***

**Dolly says to her Dad: “That police car has its Christmas lights on.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**Our daughter announced that she no longer believed in Santa Claus and flatly refused to leave milk and cookies out for him on Christmas Eve. Upset at losing a four-year tradition, her father tried bribing and cajoling her. Nothing worked. Later that evening, to my surprise, she walked into the living room carrying a bowl of oatmeal. Her father helped her put the bowl under the tree, next to eight others just like it. “What on earth are you doing?” I asked. “I thought she didn’t believe in Santa.” “She doesn’t,” he said, beaming. “But the reindeer -- they’re a different story!” *(Karen Dwyer)***

**Hattie: “Say, Brutus, what happens to reindeer when the temperature drops below freezing?” Brutus: “Gee. Nothing, I think!” Hattie: “Wrong! They turn into snowdeer.” *(Art Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

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**Little boy: “My Grandpa is coming to stay with us during the holiday season.” Little girl: “That's nice. I like your Grandpa.” Little boy: “Me too. I just don't like sharing a bathroom with him. It always gets so cluttered with his stuff. And last year I had an unfortunate experience.” Little girl: “An unfortunate experience?” Little boy: “Let's just say that in the dark a tube of toothpaste looks an awful lot like a tube of anti-fungal cream.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**At her church's Christmas skit, First Daughter Chelsea Clinton played a character named “Clueless" in a mock rendition of the TV game show “Jeopardy" who were given the answer – “He turned water into wine" responded: “Who were Ernest and Julio Gallo?” *(Bill Flick, December, 1995)***

**The perfect Christmas gift for a sportscaster, as all fans of sports clichés know, is a scoreless tie. (William Safire)**

**Billy says to his friend: “Thanksgiving was okay, but I bet we’ll have a lot more to be thankful for on Christmas.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**When my former landlady stopped by to visit one day, she told me about a group of Boy Scouts who had come to see her at the Masonic Home during the holidays. One boy said, “Mrs. B., you are my troop’s problem for this Christmas.” *(Mrs. W. O. Campbell, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Mom: “Peter, get upstairs! You have homework to do!” Peter: “But ‘A Charlie Brown Christmas’ just came on. It’s a holiday staple! A touchstone for generations! Not watching it would be downright unamerican!” Mom: “Which is why we have it on videotape. Go.” Peter: “Who says modern conveniences are convenient?” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**Billy: “We woke up so early this morning it was still the night before Christmas.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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