



## **Visiting Family at Christmas**

Christmas is a holiday on which many people like to visit with family and friends. At Christmas, you may go and visit relatives or friends at their homes, or they may come to visit you at your home. If you are not sure about your family's plans, ask your parents or other family members, and they can tell you.

When relatives or friends come to visit, it is polite to greet them when they come. You could say, "Merry Christmas!" when they come in the door. You might also say, "It's nice to see you," or ask them, "How have you been?" Asking a question like this may lead to a conversation.

Sometimes people may come to your home without first telling you they were coming. They might be family, friends, or neighbors coming over to say hello. Even though you weren't expecting them, it is still polite to greet them and talk with them for a little while.

Some people will not have seen you for a long time, so they may want to give you a hug. This just means that they are happy to see you. It is okay to give them a fast hug and then let go if hugging feels uncomfortable to you.

When visiting with relatives or friends, your parents will probably want to sit and talk with them. They may also want to eat dinner together or play games. If you are not sure what your family will want to do, you can ask them about it. Your family will probably want you to stay with them for some time while they eat, talk, or play games. They may ask you some questions about school or what you enjoy doing. It is polite to try to answer their questions the best you can.

Remember that these people have not seen you in a long time, and they may not see you again for a while, so they may be looking forward to spending time talking to you. They might consider it impolite or be disappointed if you don't sit and talk with them for a while.

Since many families and friends enjoy spending time together at Christmas, your family will appreciate it if you make an effort to spend time with them.

If you still have questions, you can talk to your family about them. Thank you for taking the time to read this article.