

SHARING

I know we should all share.

I'm almost two so Christmas is a big deal for me. I love trucks, cars, and playing with them on the floor. The toy store ads all have nice trucks and cars that I show to my parents and grandparents.

Do you share? I know that sharing is good, it is fun, and it is great to see the expression on the face of those with whom I share. Sure, I know it. I feel it. I see it. Just because I don't always share doesn't mean I don't know and see the value of sharing.

Kids know the value of sharing and the joy of sharing and giving. OK, we get off track and selfish at times, but we know.

Do you share? Do you get joy and satisfaction from giving to others? Kids do. We love hugs but we also love giving them. For Christmas all I can do at this age is give attention, love, and hugs. It works, and it works every day. I feel good, and so does the person I pay attention to.

Heck, my grandparents are pushovers for attention from me. In giving I get so much more in return. It works for all of us.

How about you? Most people celebrate some form of Christmas. Do you give? Do you share? It's not about the money, or even the size of the gift, it's about sharing and sharing with joy. Of course, I still want the toys.

You can share an old toy or a favorite book. It does not matter what it is, or the cost, or even if it is used. It is the sharing, the idea, the thought that counts.

Remember when you were a kid? Well, be a kid NOW. Be a kid who shares and enjoys the simple pleasure of sharing attention, love and hugs. Share yourself. Share your time and attention.

This year I am going to give at least one of my gifts away. My parents believe in sharing and want to be sure I practice sharing. Sure, I'll complain a little as they expect that, but I am glad to share. Some kids are selfish, but someday they will learn that sharing is fun.

Grandpa used to play with cars and trucks himself. I'll give him one of my cars. It won't be a yellow or red one as those are my favorites. But, I still share them when he comes over to play with me.

Why do adults worry about gifts, what to buy, and stress over Christmas. Why not just share what you have and enjoy the other people. Why just giving time and attention to another is the best gift you can give.

Give the gift of time and attention. But, bring a toy also. No one is too old not to enjoy a toy.