

# HASTINGS Jingle & Mingle

Christmas is a special time of year. The holiday is special to me because my family has so many traditions to look forward to. Many of our traditions are special activities we only do at Christmas. I love getting to see family and celebrating Christmas with them. We have family get-togethers and see relatives we do not get to see often. I make Christmas cookies with my family, we decorate them with fun sprinkles. My brother, cousins and I have fun decorating gingerbread houses each year. I also love putting up our Christmas decorations with my family. We have fun sharing special memories while we hang ornaments on our tree that we have made or are from places we have visited. One of my absolute favorite Christmas traditions is listening to Christmas music. We all have fun singing along! We also enjoy watching Christmas movies together. Sometimes, Christmas means we get to go skiing and playing in the snow. Snowy Christmases are the best! Most importantly, Christmas means celebrating Jesus and his birth. We go to church as a family to celebrate Christmas by singing songs like "Away in a Manger." To me, Christmas means enjoying the special holiday traditions and spending extra time with people who are important to you.