

## The "W" in Christmas

Because the public school system stopped referring to the holiday as Christmas, I didn't expect anything except Santa Claus and good cheer. When the first grade class rose to sing, "Christmas Love" in their winter pageant, I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Students held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class sang "C is for Christmas," a child held up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and so on, until each child held up his portion presenting the complete message, "Christmas Love".

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, a little girl was holding her letter "M" upside down unaware her letter "M" appeared as a W.

The audience snickered, but she stood tall, proudly holding her "W." Many shushed, but laughter continued until the last letter was raised. A hush came over the audience and we knew why we were there. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

**"\*CHRIST WAS LOVE\*"**

*I believe, He still is... Amazed in His presence... Humbled by His love...*

May each of You have a Merry "CHRISTWASLOVE" and blessed safe New Year!