Our Christmas Present

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Reading the Christmas riddle in the kitchen, my sisters and I screamed with excitement. I couldn’t believe that my parents could afford this much money for us to go to Knott’s Berry Farm, and a cruise to Mexico in California! We were going to California next week on January the 14th.

We left our house on Sunday, January 13th. The first place my family went to was the Rodeway Inn where we would stay for 2 days. We unpacked our luggage and went to breakfast. I ate yogurt and Frosted Flakes. Then my mom drove us to Knott’s Berry Farm. There were lots of roller-coaster rides there, but I liked “The Jaguar” best because it was really smooth for me, and my neck and hip didn’t hurt a bit once the ride began! Other than that I wasn’t really impressed with “The Ghost Rider” and “The Boomerang” rides as much, because they were rough. On “The Boomerang” all five of us got a huge headache. Even though we sat on a bench for 30 minutes, I still had the headache for another hour!

Next we went on our cruise for 4 days. The ship was so enormous I couldn’t believe my eyes! It had several comedies and other shows for us to watch, including a magnificent dance class that we watched for an hour. My favorite part about the cruise, was the free food, although my parents had to pay for some of the food we had. I ate ice cream during each day, and they were delicious!

The two parts that we visited were Catalina Island and Ensenada Mexico. In Catalina Island, my parents rented us a golf cart to explore the Island and took pictures during our discovery. After we returned the golf cart I got to buy a starfish keychain that
changes color in the sun, 3 postcards, and rhinestone turtle necklace. Ensenada Mexico
though wasn’t really “room space” type of people. They were crowding us all like crazy.
That’s why it was hard for me to get the mother of pearl flower bracelet, a necklace with
my name written on a piece of rice, and 3 postcards!

When we got off the cruise, we drove miles to Universal Studios in Hollywood.
It was really cool seeing the 3D models in “The Universal Studios Tour”, especially the
King Kong 3D creation by Peter Jackson. Getting to see the “animal acting show” was
great. They recognized many popular animals that star in all kinds of shows and movies
with cool tricks and habits to share. Seeing “special Effects” was incredibly shocking
because of all the inside information on how they made movies and shows interesting.
But on the way home it took us 9 hours, because of 2 horrible car accidents and we got
home at 4:00 in the morning! Universal Studios was an amazing sight to see in
Hollywood.

This whole trip was fascinating to discover. It was a like a dream. The golfcart
ride on Catalina Island during the cruise, though, was what I loved because I got to see
lots of places there. I hope that I’ll go on this trip again, and I won’t ever forget it.