The holiday season is a time for giving.

The U.S. Marines give toys to kids.

The Marines have a program called “Toys for Tots.”

People and toy companies donate toys.
Marines are brave soldiers who protect America.

They help Americans around the world.

The Marines started Toys for Tots in 1947.

Marines in Los Angeles wanted to make kids happy.

They wanted to give out toys during the holiday season.
The Marines asked people to donate toys.

The Marines needed places to collect the toys.

They put boxes in front of Los Angeles movie theaters.

They collected more than 5,000 toys!

The Marines made many kids happy that year.
The Marines continue Toys for Tots today.

Marines now have Toys for Tots in every state.

Now many cities have donation boxes.

People can even donate at the White House!

The Marines ask for toys and money.
The Marines use the money to buy more toys.

Toy stores, like Toys "R" Us®, give them special prices.

Famous toy companies, like Hasbro® and LEGO®, donate toys.

The companies donate building sets, dolls, stuffed animals and more.
Parents can tell the Marines what toy their kid wants.

They can ask by phone, by letter, or on the Internet.

The Marines try to find that special toy.

Then the Marines deliver the toys to the kids.
December has many holiday traditions.

Toys for Tots is one of the best.

Toys for Tots has delivered more than 450 million toys!

Toys for Tots makes many kids happy.

We thank the Marines for all they do.
**WHO**

The Marines are part of the U.S. military.

The Marines’ headquarters is in Virginia, at the Pentagon.

Marines have fought in every American war.

Today more than 190,000 men and women are Marines.

The Marines’ band is famous around the world.
TOY COMPANIES

Today many companies make toys.

They make toys for babies, kids and adults.

People use toys for fun and learning.

A popular U.S. toy company is Mattel®.

Mattel makes Barbie® dolls and Hot Wheels®.
Hasbro is another U.S. toy company.

Hasbro makes Transformers®, Mr. Potato Head®, Play-Doh®, the Monopoly® game, and more.

LEGO building bricks are also very popular.

The LEGO company began in Denmark.
Cheesy Tots

**NEED**

- 1 C sour cream
- ½ C ranch dressing
- ¼ C milk
- 32-oz bag frozen Tater Tots®, baked (Bake according to package instructions.)
- 2.8-oz bag real bacon bits
- 1½ C shredded cheddar cheese
- bowl
- spoon
- baking sheet

1. Put sour cream, ranch dressing and milk into bowl. Stir.

2. Spread most of mixture on baking sheet.

3. Put Tater Tots on top of mixture.

4. Put rest of mixture, bacon and cheese on Tater Tots.

5. Broil 2 - 3 minutes until cheese is melted.

6. Eat.

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Knock, Knock.

Who’s there?

Donate.

Donate who?

Donate the rotten apple!

Don’t eat

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Choose the pictures about TOYS FOR TOTS.

- Play-Doh
- kids
- toy company
- art museum
- doll
- picture
- donate
- building bricks
- basketball
- donation box
- stuffed animals
- Marines
- toys
- holiday season
- snow angel
- Hot Wheels

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1. WHAT is this paper about?

Rudolph TV Special

Thanksgiving Parades

Toys for Tots

2. WHO started Toys for Tots?

sailors

Marines

pilots

3. WHERE are toys made?

grocery store

movie theater

toy company

4. WHAT country do the Marines protect?

America

Greenland

China

5. HOW could you help Toy for Tots?

build

donate

play

6. WHAT is not a good Toys for Tots donation?

coffee table

story book

jump rope

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Interactivity users must use all lowercase letters in the puzzle.

ACROSS

3 kids
5 donation boxes
6 collect
8 happy

DOWN

1 Marines
2 money
4 donate
5 deliver
7 toys
Fill in the grid using the pictures below so that every row, every column and every large box contains the following four items:
1. WHAT are some times children get toys?

2. WHAT is the best thing about Toys for Tots? Why?

3. WHAT is your favorite toy? Why?
Marines  toys

kids  donate
Cut out the items below and paste answers into the sudoku page.

Cut out the items below to use as errorless choices for the review page.