

A Christmas Blessing

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Across

1. Where Santa's sleigh might park
5. Other
9. Possible holiday gift
14. Taj Mahal city
15. Stature
16. Pond buildup
17. Blessing, part 1
20. Refine, as metal
21. Possible reaction to a present
22. Attends
23. Christmas game spots, possibly
26. Are, in the past
28. ___ Domingo
30. Turn down Christmas dinner seconds
34. Cookie sellers, e.g.
37. ___ Bell
39. Disallow membership
40. Blessing, part 2
44. Hawaiian Christmas dinner setting?
45. Get better
46. "Comprende?"
47. Lace place
49. Certain sorority member
52. Dart
54. Religious retreat
57. Christmas treat for birds
60. Take home amount
62. Acquiesce
64. Blessing end
68. Fraternity letter
69. Brio
70. Boys
71. Prepare, as tea
72. Dresden's river
73. Latin "to be"

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Down

1. Flees
2. Small lizard
3. More twisted
4. City near Vesuvius
5. In-flight info, for short
6. Varnish ingredient
7. Knocked off, in a way
8. Nudge
9. "Come to think of it ..."
10. Description of eyes, e.g.
11. Chills & fever
12. Preparation of Christmas rib roast, perhaps
13. Come clean, with "up"
18. Sicilian sight
19. Fancy water jug
24. The "A" of ABM
25. Hiding place for Christmas gifts
27. Prominent Christmas colors
29. A caroler's group, perhaps
31. Large wading bird
32. Alike
33. Home centerpiece at Christmas
34. Battering wind
35. What Holiday guests may do
36. Bad marks
38. 1935 Triple Crown winner
41. Holiday bowl game reference
42. Cambodian currency
43. Brews
48. Hair color

50. Possible Christmas weather forecast
51. Like some gift socks
53. Giggle
55. Bailiwicks
56. Quaffs of fermented honey and water
57. Back talk
58. Condo, e.g.
59. Halftime lead, e.g.
61. Blab about a Christmas gift
63. Celtic language
65. "... a long winter's ___"
66. Apprehend
67. Spanish for "N"