



SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of Eric's favorite times of year because the magic he sees comes to life in his paintings, inspiring others to have good will and generosity toward all men. Take Charles Dickens' story of Scrooge, where he learned that joy comes from giving and blessing the lives of those with less than others. The Spirit of Christmas unites us all with simple acts of kindness no matter what we have, because we all have something to share. Christmas carolers bring delight to our hearts by signing loved carols, and special Father Christmases and Santa's of every kind travel far and wide bringing joy to every girl & boy. Find the many symbols of Christmas that Eric has included in this piece to bring to our hearts the story of that first Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

1. Scrooge & Marley is the name of Scrooge's firm.
2. Christmas Gifts—started with gifts to the Christ child, and today gifts are tokens of love and affection.
3. Nutcrackers in Germany are given as keepsakes to bring good luck.
4. Father Christmas or Santa Clause is a patron magical gift giver of children. He symbolizes generosity and good will. See how many different Santa's you can find.
5. New Hope—working together to hope in the future.
6. Christmas tree—evergreen, everlasting tree of life.
7. Christmas Wreath—never ending symbol of love.
8. Pilgrim in showing great sacrifice for the greater good.
9. Ebenezer Scrooge—hated Christmas, unwilling to give, but eventually changed after having some help.
10. Elves, small creatures with magical powers help Santa.
11. The color red symbolizes love, Christ's sacrifice and joy for all of us.
12. Currier & Ives—successful lithographers of winter scenes and favorite Christmas cards.
13. Eric's Rooster is settling down for a long winters nap.
14. Christmas Carolers—sing Christmas song from door to door.
15. Ghost of Christmas Present—happy life filled with friends, family love, and celebration.
16. Jacob Marley—Scrooge's business partner died with an uncaring attitude towards man and warns Scrooge.
17. Salvation Army Santa —1890— to raise money for free meals for needy families.
18. Joy, great happiness, and pleasure are necessary to celebrate Christmas.
19. Garland—celebrating the Christmas season with bright colors.
20. Peace—freedom from disturbance, war, and violence.
21. Candle—reflecting thanks, Christ is the Light of the World. In modern day, it is put in the window until a loved one comes home.
22. Christmas Star—Star of Bethlehem, symbol of Christ's birth.
23. Christmas Bell—guides lost sheep back to fold and announces the birth of the Savior.
24. Christmas Ball—first were red apples, then blown glass of many colors.
25. Christmas lights on tree—Christ is the Light of World.
26. Candy Cane—shape of a shepherd's crook and Christ is the Great Shepherd.
27. Christmas train—people traveled great distances to be together.
28. Christmas Bow—tied together in good will forever.