



The Story of the Christmas Pickle...

THERE ARE MANY VARIATIONS OF THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS PICKLE. MOST AGREE THAT IT BEGAN IN GERMANY. GERMAN FAMILIES DECORATED THEIR TREES ON CHRISTMAS EVE, WHILE THE CHILDREN WERE SLEEPING, AND THE VERY LAST ORNAMENT PLACED ON THE TREE WAS THE PICKLE. THE PARENTS WOULD HIDE THE PICKLE IN THE CHRISTMAS TREE AMONGST THE OTHER ORNAMENTS. ON CHRISTMAS MORNING, THE DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE WOULD BE REVEALED TO THE CHILDREN FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE FIRST CHILD TO DISCOVER THE COVERT PICKLE ORNAMENT WOULD EITHER RECEIVE AN EXTRA GIFT FROM SANTA CLAUSE OR GET TO BE THE FIRST TO OPEN A PRESENT.