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It happened during the depression years of the 1930's. This sad Christmas story I want to tell you about.

Picture a happy little family with four primary school girls, dressed in their Sunday best. The girls were

"Our envelope will be the thickest," the youngest girl, called Sarah, said. "But how are we going to do it,

Their Sunday school teacher had just announced a brand new project. They are going to collect money

When they got home they huddled together around the kitchen table and their mother gave them a

Three weeks before Christmas the girls excitedly counted the pennies. Great was their joy when they

Before church, they proudly handed it to their teacher, who was going to put everybody's contribution

Then they heard the minister calling their dad's name. He stood up, walking to the front with his hands

When they got back home, she put the kettle on the stove as the family sat around the kitchen table

The kitchen was silent. Their dad's chair scraped on the floor as he pushed it back. He went through

"I never knew we were poor," Sarah said to her sisters.

Many people say it wasn't until their teens that they realised they had come from poverty. Their pa

One woman said that from an early age, whenever she'd ask her mother for something extravagant

Her mother wouldn't allow her daughter's life to be centred around an absence of cash, around lac

So, what if a life situation suddenly put you in poverty? In which way would the Christmas you've b
Suzanne Necker says that fortune doesn't change people, it unmask them. I also hope it shows

The best things about Christmas aren't things. I'm sure that what you best remember about Christ

Of course Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents! Thing is just that they might not be

For richer or poorer, this year, may you give the gift of yourself. Isn't that precisely what, on this day,