## **Christmas Message**

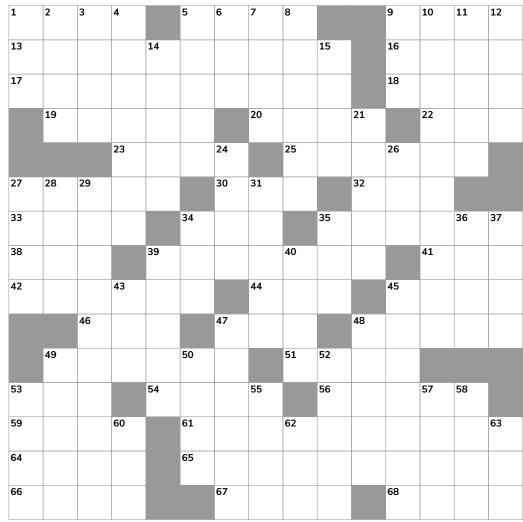
## **ACROSS**

- 1 Ceremonial splendor
- 5 "Surely you \_\_\_!"
- 9 Popular eye-care prefix
- 13 Popular dry white wine
- 16 Winter comment
- **17** 60
- 18 Baby "boeuf"
- 19 "Siddhartha" author
- 20 Light bulb unit
- 22 Noise
- 23 Ice cream giant
- 25 Advantageous to all
- 27 Place for a crime
- **30** Sine \_\_\_ non
- 32 Speakers' hesitations
- **33** Go-\_\_\_
- 34 Apr. addressee
- 35 In their time, very sleek cats
- 38 Serpent's tail?
- 39 Has more troops than
- 41 "Alley \_\_\_!"
- 42 A captain of the Enterprise
- 44 Cutting tool
- 45 "Ohio" group, initially
- 46 Rx instruction
- 47 Imitate
- 48 The mating game
- 49 Cities marked for destruction
- **51** A familiar voice on your phone
- 53 A long, long way to run, rumor has it
- **54** Beano brother
- 56 It has the beat
- 59 N.Y.P.D. employee
- 61 Mortgage holders, often
- 64 Genevieve and Jeanne, for short
- OT OCHEVIEVE and Scannic, for Shor
- 65 "It's clear to me"
- 66 "Bye!"
- 67 Retired speedsters that are making a comeback: Abbr.
- 68 1914 battle line

## **DOWN**

- 1 Loan figure: Abbr.
- 2 Long, drawn out expression of realization (and NO the meta does not have to do with the strings of letters that are there)
- 3 Filly's mother
- 4 Current
- 5 "\_\_\_ Wales", Eastwood character

## The answer is the Christmas message implied by the meta.



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- **6** S.A.S.E., e.g.
- 7 Falling flakes
- 8 1943 battle site
- 9 "No duh!": Abbr.
- 10 Incline
- 11 What the Beatles "Ticket to Ride" was for
- 12 "So \_\_\_ down most hurriedly and joined up with the John Birch Society..." (Dylan lyric)
- 14 Since, in Spain
- 15 Abominable Snowman
- 21 Flanged fasteners
- 24 Two of four or three of nine, for short
- 26 Crooked
- 27 Bypass
- 28 "Ooh, ooh, please Mom"
- 29 Classic toy for budding engineers
- 31 Paper containing the names of all the states
- **34** Birth control device
- 35 Split \_\_\_, New Zealand rock group
- 36 A long, long time

- **37** 1974 C.I.A. spoof film with D. Sutherland and E.Gould
- 39 Cat \_\_\_, the eternal pet choice
- 40 Cool drinks
- 43 A hand
- **45** A sweeping feature on a stately home

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- 47 Orgs.
- **48** Sara's last name in "A Little Princess" (1995), or a Cheshire railway town
- 49 Target of NORAD
- 50 When repeated, a fish
- **52** "For \_\_\_ and turn..." ("Tainted Love" lyric)
- **53** A rock in some decisions
- 55 The way to spell Christmas when you want to reduce your letter count
- **57** Reverent seats with an irreverent sounding name
- **58** 'What's Hecuba to him, \_\_\_ to Hecuba' (Hamlet)
- **60** "Do you know where your children are?" is one: Abbr.
- **62** Creature with impressive limbs
- 63 Damascus' land: Abbr.