title of project: christmas and clothes

description of project/artist statement:

as a child growing up in south-east nigeria, my most cherished childhood memories are the ones that  
happen during the christmas season. it is the period where the children are allowed to visit friends and  
families adorned with special dresses bought by their parents for the festivities. while the period is  
laden with gifts exchanged amongst families, friends, and neighbours, the children are transformed into  
some sort of models as they brandish their new outfits and pose with the toys.  
christmas and clothes [an ongoing project] is a portrait series of kids in omor of eastern nigeria, wearing their christmas outfits, and holding their christmas toys, with poses resembling movie stars. i am reflecting on childhood memories by examining what is popular amongst youngsters celebrating christmas, and interrogating on a deeper scale - the universality of celebration which cuts across social classes.

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