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Family Seasonal Activities

The idea behind this activity is two-fold: to do something together as a family every day to celebrate the season (and hopefully create some treasured family memories), and more importantly, to have fun doing so!

Get a stack of index cards. Put Christmas decorations on one side and on the other, write out something you'd enjoy doing together as a family. Choose 25 activities from this list or come up with your own. You can number them in the order you plan ahead of time (to ensure the things that have specific dates mesh with your family schedule), or just do it ad-lib, picking whatever comes up and going with that. Make it fit your family's personality and schedule! It should be something you all look forward to, not something you just do out of obedience.

Food Related

1. Make hot cocoa
2. Bake Christmas cookies
3. Make popcorn balls
4. Sip apple cider
5. Build a gingerbread house
6. Make Christmas treats for a friend or neighbor

Shopping Related

1. Go Christmas shopping for Mom
2. Go Christmas shopping for Dad
3. Go shopping for a family or child in need (think Operation Christmas Child, Angel Tree or Adopt a Family)

Movie Related

1. Watch a Christmas movie
2. Watch A Charlie Brown Christmas
3. Watch the Polar Express
4. Watch The Grinch Who Stole Christmas
5. Watch the classic Christmas Story
6. Make it a fun movie night – Home Alone or the Santa Claus

Craft Related

1. Pick out a Christmas tree
2. Decorate the tree

3. Make Christmas ornaments
4. Make paper chains for your room
5. Cut-out paper snowflakes
6. Make a card for someone special
7. Make a card or gift for your teacher

Community-Related

1. Buy a gift for a child in need
2. Put together donations for a family in need
3. Visit Santa at the mall or your church
4. Write a letter to Santa
5. Visit the elderly in a nursing home or a sick neighbor or lonely friend

Reading Related

1. Read the Nativity Story
2. Read the Candy Maker's Gift
3. Read A Christmas Story

Seasonal Related

1. Play & sing along to Christmas Carols
2. Decorate your room for Christmas
3. Decorate your bedroom door for Christmas
4. Wrap Christmas presents
5. Attend a Christmas play or concert
6. Make a video sharing your favorite Christmas traditions
7. Mail Christmas cards
8. Color a Christmas picture
9. Do a Christmas puzzle
10. Put up your family's Christmas decorations
11. Go Christmas Caroling

Activity Related

1. Go ice skating
2. Build a snowman
3. Go look at Christmas lights
4. Build a snow fort