

## Special Activities Instructions

### **Random act of kindness** (Nov 29 & Dec 12)

- Find out great ideas at [www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas)

### **Starbucks or similar** (Dec. 1)

Go to Starbucks or your favorite drink place or restaurant and secretly pay for someone's drink or meal

### **Make Christmas Cards** (Dec 2 & 8)

- Either buy a pack of Christmas cards or make your own at home with paper and crayons/markers. Send them to friends and family.
- Send some cards to a retirement home or to the armed forces.

### **Christmas Playlist** (Dec 3)

- Create a music playlist on Spotify or other music app OR pull up YouTube and take requests from each family member and play those to dance to!

### **Paper Snowflakes** (Dec 4)

- <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-snowflake.html>
- <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/3d-paper-snowflake.html>

### **Decorate your tree** (Dec 5)

- Have your tree ready to decorate. If you already have your tree up, play Christmas music and think about gifts you could give other people.

### **Christmas shopping** (Dec 6)

- Go to a store together and buy gifts for each other. Draw names and each person shop for another. If you have young kids, go as teams to shop for each other or have a parent go with each kid throughout the day to shop for another. Cost of the gift doesn't have to be a large amount. Buying a favorite snack for a sibling or parent can be fun!

### **New Ornament** (Dec 7)

- Buy or make a new ornament to remember 2020
- There are lots of Do It Yourself ornaments you can make. Check out these sites for ideas
  - <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/how-to/g1070/easy-to-make-christmas-ornament-crafts/>
  - <https://lovelylittlekitchen.com/cinnamon-applesauce-ornaments/>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eluVDJ6jXxs>
  - <https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/home-lifestyle/crafts-diy/g33865885/diy-christmas-ornaments/>

### **Bake a Treat or Meal** (Dec 9)

- Make some Christmas treats. Use your own recipe or try one from these sites...
  - <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/christmas-treats/>
  - <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas/g4018/christmas-treats/>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yy69Su-U-M0>

### **Donate clothes or toys** (Dec 10)

- Find a local non-profit that will take donated clothes or toys so others can enjoy your gently used items. Here is one place to donate to in Lincoln.
  - <https://pcmlincoln.org/donate/>

### **Make a gingerbread house or man** (Dec 11)

- Buy a kit at a store or make your own. Here are a few recipes if you want to make your own...
  - <https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/best-gingerbread-cookies/>
  - [https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/how\\_to\\_make\\_a\\_gingerbread\\_house/](https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/how_to_make_a_gingerbread_house/)
  - <https://happyhooligans.ca/gingerbread-crafts-for-kids/>

### **Christmas Cookies** (Dec 13)

- Buy some cookie with icing from a store or make your own cut out cookies to decorate.
  - <https://www.favfamilyrecipes.com/best-christmas-cookies/>

### **Hot Cocoa/favorite memories** (Dec 14)

- Get out some fancy Christmas mugs or any mugs to have a fun time drinking hot cocoa and sharing with each other your favorite Christmas memories or traditions.

### **Note to Teacher, Mentor, Coach** (Dec 15)

- Grab a card or some notebook paper and write a thank you to someone that has taught you something over the years and send it to them.

### **Snow Angels** (Dec 16)

- If there is snow outside, grab your snow gear and go out for some fun snow angel making. Take pictures of you making angels in the snow!
- If there isn't any snow on the ground, try these ideas or think of your own!
  - <http://www.funecrafts.com/Easy-Christmas-Crafts-Snow-Angel.html>
  - <https://thepinterestedparent.com/2019/12/snow-angel-craft/>
  - <https://kiddiecrafts365.wordpress.com/2010/02/25/hand-y-snow-angel/>

### **Gratitude List** (Dec 17)

- Write a list of everything you are thankful for in your life. Write these lists separately and then share with each other OR write a list together, having everyone take turns sharing something they are thankful for to add to the list.

### **Christmas Movie Night** (Dec 18)

- Grab some popcorn and snacks and turn on a favorite Christmas movie that you all can watch together.

### **Christmas lights** (Dec 19)

- Get out of the house and go look at all the Christmas lights around town.
- Go around your house or find a list of places to go for awesome light displays.
- Bring your own Christmas cocoa or cider or stop somewhere for a fun drink to enjoy as you look at all the lights!

### **Facetime family** (Dec 20)

- Use whatever virtual platform you prefer to connect with family and sing Christmas carols or whatever activity you choose with them!
- Some virtual platforms to choose from are facetime, zoom, house party, fb messenger, etc

### **Birthday Party** (Dec 21)

- Grab a cake mix and frosting (or make it from scratch) to make a cake or cupcakes to celebrate Jesus' birthday a few days early!
- Throw a party with decorations or games to celebrate the life we were given with Jesus' birth.

### **Prayer** (Dec 22)

- Pick a few people that have sent you Christmas cards to pray for as a family.
- You may also each pick someone you know to pray for if you don't want to pray just for cards that were sent to you.

### **Christmas Story** (Dec 23)

- Use your child's bible, your bible, or your bible app to read Luke 2:1-20
- If you have children who can read, have them read a part of the story.

### **Christmas Eve Service** (Dec 24)

- Join us for a Christmas Eve Service
  - In Person – 3pm & 5pm
  - Online – 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, & 9pm