

12 Days of Christmas Family Activities

Celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas with Twelve Family Activities

Don't take for granted the old family traditions
and perhaps start a new one!

1. **Share Christmas cheer** to an unknown neighbor with baked goods and a Christmas carol.
2. **Read the nativity narrative** from the Gospel of Matthew around the Christmas tree together.
3. **"Get Cookin"**—Have the entire family cook a special themed meal together. Why not try the Italian tradition of the Feast of the Seven Fishes?
4. **Read a short story out loud together**— Try "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry or "The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry van Dyke.
5. **Donate the shirt off your back**—Have each family member fill a bag of their own clothes or other items to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul store.
6. **Stay up late**—Put out luminaries to welcome the Christ child and attend Midnight Mass.
7. **"Take Back Your Imagination Day"**— All family members fast from computers and phones the entire day! Enjoy each other's company by playing a new card game such as Euchre or by having a gingerbread house competition!
8. **Look at the world with eyes of wonder**— Build your very own science laboratory! This website will help you create easy and fun experiments for the whole family to enjoy. <http://redtri.com/classic-science-experiments/slide/1>
9. **Watch a classic movie** such as *The Song of Bernadette*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, or *The Magnificent Ambersons* followed by a family discussion.
10. **Bundle up and take a family hike** at a local park such as Mounds State Park.
11. **Enjoy a once in a blue moon double Mass day!** Celebrate the rare event of attending the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass and Christmas Eve Mass on the same day!
12. **Celebrate the Senses of the Season**— Listen to the musical *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and take a walk around the Carmel Christkindlmarkt.

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A PRAYER TO *The Holy Family*

Jesus,
Son of God and Son of Mary,
bless our family.
Graciously inspire in us the unity,
peace, and mutual love that you found
in your own family
in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary,
Mother of Jesus and Our Mother,
nourish our family
with your faith and your love.
Keep us close to your Son, Jesus,
in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph,
Foster-father to Jesus,
guardian and spouse of Mary,
keep our family safe from harm.
Help us in all times of
discouragement or anxiety.

Amen.

Merry Christmas



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