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December 8

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Related Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12 Luke 19:10







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For a list of these daily activities and related information, go to <u>https://bit.ly/TheCanadianSchoolhouseCIC</u>.

Finding Christ in Christmas Dailies

Join in on the Finding Christ in Christmas daily activities to have a steady source of memorymaking family time for each day of December - even after the big day! Some will take a few minutes and others can take a bit longer, but they all focus on the reason for Jesus and how He taught us to show love to others.

Each day of December has a suggestion of a family activity to help you grow closer to God this Christmas season, along with a related scripture verse to read together and talk about together. You'll also find other online resources with each activity to give you some inspiration to complete the activity.

Quoted scripture is from the King James Version.

December 1st

Activity:

Write Christmas cards to any missionaries you know. Be sure to mail in advance.

Related Scripture: Romans 10:14-15

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Related Resources: Creative Homemade Christmas Cards

December 2nd

Activity: Make a Jesse Tree.

Related Scripture: Isaiah 11:1

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:"

Related Resources: <u>The Tradition of the Jesse Tree</u> <u>The Greatest Christmas</u> - Ann Voskamp books and other media



December 3rd

Activity:

Read a Christmas story. Check out The Familyman Christmas Books.

Related Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Related Resources: Christmas Books from The Familyman (aka Todd Wilson)

December 4th

Activity:

Set up a nativity slowly throughout the month. Start with just animals only in the stable then add one piece to the scene throughout the month.

Related Scripture: Luke 2:15-16

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

Related Resources: Christmas Countdown Nativity Activity How to Arrange a Nativity Scene

December 5th

Activity: Decorate your home as a testimony of Christ in your life.

Related Scripture: John 8:12

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Related Resources: Christ-Centred Home Decorating



December 6th

Activity:

Create Christmas cards with your favourite scripture verses inside to mail to family and friends.

Related Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Related Resources: Christmas Cards from Home

December 7th

Activity:

Pull together an activity with your homeschool group where the group secretly gifts a family in need close to Christmas.

Related Scripture: Isaiah 41:17

"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them."

Related Resources: Christmas Gift Basket Board on Pinterest

December 8th

Activity: Bake cookies to give away.

Related Scripture: Philippians 2:4 "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Related Resources: Christmas Themed Cookie Recipes

December 9th

Activity:

Read a Christmas story by a Canadian author like *Listen, Said the Donkey: Tales of the First Christmas* by Jean Little or *Make Way for the Christmas Hush* by Tim Huff



Related Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:18-21

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth."

Related Resources:

Listen, Said the Donkey: Tales of the First Christmas on Amazon.ca Make Way for the Christmas Hush on Amazon.ca

December 10th

Activity:

Make ornaments showing peace, joy, and love.

Related Scripture: Galatians 5:22

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"

Related Resources: <u>Gingerbread Snowflake Ornaments</u> <u>38 Easy Handmade Christmas Ornaments</u>

December 11th

Activity: Go caroling (virtually is possible too) to share Christmas hymns with others.

Related Scripture: Psalm 98:4

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

Related Resources: <u>11 Ways to Make Your Caroling Sound Better</u> <u>Family Music - Bring the Christmas Story to Life</u>



December 12th

Activity: Make your own labels for Christmas gifts with scriptures.

Related Scripture: Colossians 3:23 "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"

Related Resources:

Printable Christmas Gift Tags with Scripture

December 13th

Activity: Re-enact the story of Jesus' birth.

Related Scripture: Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Related Resources: Sounds of Salvation Simple Christmas Performance

December 14th

Activity:

Christmas colouring and puzzle activity to describe the Christmas story. Colour a Christmas themed picture and then cut into multiple sections. Laminate if desired. Now you have your puzzle to piece back together.

Related Scripture: Ephesians 5:32 *"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."*

Related Resources: Colouring Pages to Use

December 15th

Activity:

Go for some hot chocolate (or make your own to-go) and then drive to a nearby Christmas light display.



Related Scripture: John 8:12

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Related Resources: Little Extras to Go with Your Hot Chocolate

December 16th

Activity:

Make a food nativity scene.

Related Scripture: Exodus 35:35

"Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work."

Related Resources: Sweet Graham Nativity Scene

December 17th

Activity: Wrap gifts and pray for each recipient.

Related Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;"

Related Resources: Fun Ways to Pray with Your Children

December 18th

Activity:

Go Christmas caroling to the elderly of your church and leave a small gift basket of fruits, nuts, crackers and cheese, hot chocolate packs, candies, etc.

Related Scripture: Galatians 6:10

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."



Related Resources: <u>The Bomb Diggity (Gooey Coconut Chex Mix)</u> <u>More Ideas for Christmas Gift Baskets and Other Gifts on Pinterest</u>

December 19th

Activity:

Make a snow-angel (in snow or as a craft) and talk about the angels who prophesied of Christ and the angels who notified the shepherds of Christ's birth.

Related Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Related Resources: 30+ Angel Crafts for Kids

December 20th

Activity:

Present your pastor with a handmade ornament or gift.

Related Scripture: 1 Timothy 5:17

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

Related Resources: Ten Fabulous and Frugal Foodie Gifts

December 21st

Activity:

Check in with your closest nursing home about what you can give or do for the residents.



Related Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-2

"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Related Resources: <u>Teaching Children to Honor the Elderly</u> <u>Honoring Our Elders Board on Pinterest</u>

December 22nd

Activity:

Give baked goods to public service departments (e.g, police, fire department, etc.).

Related Scripture: Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Related Resources: Collection of Dessert Recipes in The Old Schoolhouse Digital Holiday Supplement

December 23rd

Activity:

Write a letter to Jesus as a gift for his birth.

Related Scripture: Matthew 2:10-11

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Related Resources: Letter Writing Activities on Teachers Pay Teachers (free and paid resources)

December 24

Activity: Discover new Christmas picture books to add to your collection.



Related Scripture: John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Related Resources: Inspirational Christmas Picture Books Your Children Will Love

December 25th

Activity: Read Luke 2 before gift time!

Related Scripture: Luke 2

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. . . "

Related Resources: Christmas Traditions of our Staff Sweet and Savoury Christmas Meal

December 26th

Activity: Talk about the other names of Jesus.

Related Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Related Resources: What Are The Other Names Of Jesus?

December 27th

Activity: Pick a Christmas hymn to sing and research the history about.



Related Scripture: Psalm 96:1-2

"O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day."

Related Resources: <u>Top 10 Most Popular Hymns of All Time and Their History</u> <u>Christmas Hymn Stories</u>

December 28th

Activity:

Memorize scripture together that tells the reason for Jesus' life and death.

Related Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Related Resources:

The Recipe Box: Instant Access to God's Truth Through Scripture Memory

December 29th

Activity:

Learn about shepherds throughout the Bible and the relevance of Jesus being The Good Shepherd.

Related Scripture: Psalm 23

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."



Related Resources: Shepherd's Nativity Activities

December 30th

Activity:

Make a food pinecone for the birds.

Related Scripture: Genesis 1:26

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Related Resources: Pinecone Bird Feeders

December 31st

Activity:

Pray for our government leaders and others in positions of authority.

Related Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and [for] all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Related Resources: National House of Prayer - Activating Strategic Prayer for Canada

