



CHRIST-CENTERED + SERVICE FOCUSED

Christmas Traditions

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Nativity Build-A-Story Night – Build the nativity piece-by-piece each night as you read scriptures.

Christmas Eve “Shepherd’s Dinner” – A simple meal by candlelight (bread, fruit, cheese).

Light the World Service Jar – Each day, draw a paper prompt with a small act of kindness.

One Minute to Jesus – Each night, everyone answers one quick question: “How did I see Jesus today?”

The Christ Candle / Jar – Add a slip of paper each time someone serves, prays, forgives, or shows kindness. Read them all on Christmas Eve.

Create Holy Noise – Fill your home with Christ reminders—music, a Nativity or a scripture on the fridge.

Family Testimony Night – Share how each person has felt close to Jesus this year.

Nativity Costume Night – Re-enact the Nativity story with costumes.

Christ-Centered Advent Candles – Each week, light a candle + discuss themes like hope, joy and peace.

Jesus Stocking – On Christmas Eve, everyone writes a gift they will give Jesus this year.

“Names of Christ” Paper Chain – Make a chain with different names of Jesus and read 1 each night.

SERVICE-FOCUSED TRADITIONS

Secret Service Elves – Names drawn secretly; each person serves their person all month long.

Do-Good Decathlon – Complete 10 acts of kindness as a family before Christmas Day.

Adopt-a-Family or Senior – Make and deliver a special basket for someone in need.

Warmth Drop-Off – Tie scarves or gloves to trees around town w/notes saying “If you’re cold, take one!”

Thank-You Tour – Deliver small treats or cards to police officers, neighbors, teachers, or mail carriers.

Charity Night – Kids help choose a charity to donate to (they can contribute from their piggy banks).

Cookie-Blessing Plates – Make cookies, pray for who needs them, then deliver together.

Gratitude Ornament – Everyone hangs a gratitude or miracle note on the tree.

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