

## Countdown to Christmas:

- take family photo for Christmas cards
- hang house lights
- put Christmas music in speaker system/ cars
- Christmas card assembly line: work together
- decorate Christmas tree(s)
- fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- re-read old Christmas letters aloud
- read *Family Devotions for Advent Season*
- review Luke 2 and quote from memory
- watch *It's a Wonderful Life*
- go Christmas caroling
- ring bell for Salvation Army
- read *Dicken's Christmas Stories*
- make hot cocoa
- visit Christmas tree farm/ buy clippings
- have birthday party for Jesus
- read/ watch *The Gift of the Magi*
- make thank-you gifts for pastors/teachers
- watch *Little Drummer Boy*
- play Christmas Charades
- read/watch *A Christmas Carol*
- read/watch *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
- sing carols around the fire
- read *The First Night*
- have family Christmas piano recital
- make fantasy fudge
- watch *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*
- take pumpkin bread to neighbors
- read *Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree*
- make Christmas ornaments/crafts
- give baking to mail-carrier/garbage men
- drive around to look at lights
- string popcorn/cranberries for outdoor trees
- make gingerbread house

- take coffee/donations to bell ringers
- watch/read *Little House Christmas*
- visit Walk-Through Nativity at local church
- make cathedral window cookies
- read *The Little Match Girl*
- take cookies to girls in Dad's office
- sing/ play instruments for church program
- watch *Frosty the Snowman*
- listen to/ sing along with Handel's *Messiah*
- attend home school Christmas party
- watch *Elf*
- make sausage balls
- work Twleve Days of Christmas jigsaw puzzle
- bake Christmas cookies
- make s'mores in drive-way; invite neighbors?
- watch *White Christmas*
- visit Drive-Through nativity
- see *The Nutcracker* at community college
- watch *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* (old version)
- visit Six Flags Holiday in the Park
- jog in Rudolph Family Fun Run
- go ice-skating
- play Christmas party games as family
- act out Christmas story with little ones
- attend Emerald Ball with teens
- tell Christmas story with advent gift boxes
- watch *Star of Bethlehem*
- drink hot apple cider
- make/buy sibling stocking stuffers
- take kids Christmas shopping (for others)
- eat traditional Christmas breakfast
- think/pray about New Year's resolutions
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