

13 Ways to Show LOVE at Christmas

from the
1 Corinthians 13 Parenting Team

♥ **Traditions with the Tree**

Decorate the Christmas tree as a family. Play Amy Grant's Christmas music and sing along.

♥ **Scripture**

Include a bible verse on your Christmas card to point to CHRISTmas.

♥ **A Breakfast Tradition: Bayfield Eggs**

1 1/2 lb. sausage
12 eggs
3/4 lb. cheddar cheese
1/2 lg. onion, minced
3/4 c. green pepper
2 c. mushrooms
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 pt. whole cream

Fry sausage and drain well. Grease 9 x 13 pan. Break eggs into pan and poke the yolks. Top the eggs with sausage, half the cheese, onion, green pepper, and mushrooms. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover all with cream and the rest of the cheese. Refrigerate overnight. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.



♥ **Caroling with Joy**

Get a group of friends together, kids included, to carol through the halls of a nursing home. Spread cheer to everyone.

♥ **Focusing on Loved Ones**

Incorporate the whole extended family into the Advent calendar tradition. Purchase an Advent calendar with scripture. As each window is opened, reflect on the Bible passage. Next choose one member of the family—those who live near or far, including those who have passed away. Talk about what each one means to the family and then pray for the person. Focus on the communal nature of celebration.

♥ **Godly Gifts**

Choose gifts that reflect faith: devotional, calendar, a book about a sports hero with faith, a Christian storybook.

♥ **Operation Christmas Child**

Take the children to the store with shoeboxes in hand to choose items for others in need. Children may their December allowance to purchase gifts. Get more information at samaritanspurse.org.

♥ **Look for the Lonely**

Deliver cookie plates to neighbors or the elderly who may not have family in town to celebrate the holidays.

♥ **Christmas Tea**

Invite the neighbors for a Christmas tea.

♥ **Baby Jesus**

Wrap the Baby Jesus from the nativity as a gift under the tree to be opened by the family Christmas morning.

♥ **Christmas Card Prayers**

After the holidays, choose a card a day from the Christmas cards received from family and friends. Pray for the senders.

♥ **Jesus is the Reason for the Season Party**

Host a party focused on the Reason the holiday is celebrated. Bake a birthday cake for Jesus.

♥ **Anticipating Immanuel: An Advent Interactive Guide for the Family**

Go to 1Corinthians13Parenting.com to download a free copy of Anticipating Immanuel: An Advent Interactive Guide for the Family, a family-friendly resource for Christmas. This devotional guide will encourage you and your family to draw closer to one another and ultimately Jesus Christ.

May your Christmas be filled with JOY!

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