



Holiday Activities for Family Fun!

Here are a variety of ideas and activities for holiday family fun!!

- The very best opportunity to create long lasting impact for your family is to start up individual and family "Grace Accounts". I've written it up on a separate game sheet for your benefit. The reason I suggest it so strongly is that the power of grace and forgiveness is one of the most character building qualities you can instill in children, and there isn't a better time of year for examples of grace in our society and culture than now! It's a very simple idea that will teach how to be a bigger giver as well as a great way to build self-esteem. Basically, the game is to put a piece of paper (folded 3 X 5 cards works best, different colors too) with a different thing that you "Can Do" to contribute and add value to others. You also put some money in it as well and each month, as a family you choose different things you will do to contribute to others, as well as where you will contribute some money as well! It's really quite extraordinary what can happen out of it, and there are many more ways to play on "May Grace Be Your Pleasure", so be sure you get one!
- Have the kids start a holiday business to raise money for presents like:
 - Christmas tree set ups and/or tear down and dispose of
 - Present wrapping (with or without your own paper), storing and/or delivering
 - Present shopping - Can even pick up out of catalogs
 - Christmas lights set up and/or tear down, event renting lights or displays.
 - Cookie baking services for cookie swaps.
- And of course the traditional snow shoveling, garbage removal, (yup, elderly people would love to have someone go through the house to empty trash and then take it out to the back yard twice a month, or they can call on demand!)
- Dog walking services, pet care like dog washing, empty the litter boxes, clean the bird cage, etc., especially when they go away for the holidays.
- They can make and sell ornaments; you might even find a way to buy some wholesale!
- Participate in a Holiday Project, where you and your family visit an orphanage, Hospital or Nursing home to share time, sing carols and/or bring presents.
- You can set it up so that a store may contribute a Santa Suit that you can use.
- You can buy so many used games for pennies on the dollar at garage sales, and then save them for Christmas "Drop Boxes" for under privileged kids.
- Start an Ornament Exchange at work or with family members.
- Of course the traditional "Grab Bag or Gag Grab Bag"
- Have a Cookie Exchange.
- Get a great big sack, or black garbage bag, and fill it full of stocking stuffers that you can give out to visitors, at Christmas Party's or work. Buy right after Christmas for next year at 1/2 price!
- Collect Holiday poems, games or messages and copy them onto special paper that makes them even better to pass out.

May your most cherished moments be your expressions of Grace and Gratitude for all of God's blessings you've been graced with to receive!

Merry Christmas!

With Much Love,

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