

DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Write a Friend Month</p>	<p>1 As a family talk about what it means to grieve, and the reasons we grieve.</p> <p>EAT A RED APPLE DAY</p>	<p>2 Make a manger from twigs that you can collect from outside. Talk about the Baby Jesus and the conditions in which He was born.</p>	<p>3 Clean out your old toys, and make a donation to a local charity.</p>	<p>4 Write a letter to Santa and mail it to Macy's to benefit their "Make-A-Wish" America. Check on line for address and information. http://abcnews.go.com/US/macy</p> <p>SANTA'S LIST DAY</p>	<p>5 Remember that Fridays are FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Make a special dinner, play games together, and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family. CHEESE PIZZA DAY</p>	<p>6 Read and learn about Saint Nicholas Day. Make shoes out of paper, and fill them with treats and hand them out to neighbors and friends.</p> <p>SAINT NICHOLAS DAY</p>
<p>7 Read Esther 4:1-17</p> <p>NATIONAL LETTER WRITING DAY/PEARL HARBOR DAY</p>	<p>8 As a family discuss the practice of fasting. Have any of the adults in your family ever fasted? Review Sunday's scripture to see why they fasted in the story of Esther.</p> <p>NATIONAL BROWNIE DAY</p>	<p>9 Make Christmas Cards for your friends. If your church is having a Christmas Eve service or if you are participating in a Christmas Program, invite them. CHRISTMAS CARD DAY</p>	<p>10 Today is Human Rights Day. As a family, go on line to learn about the fundamental rights to which all people are entitled.</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</p>	<p>11 Make a Christmas gift for a Special Teacher or friend.</p>	<p>12 FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT Watch a Christmas movie tonight or a Special Christmas Program on TV. POINSETTA DAY</p>	<p>13 Do something special in secret for someone in your family or for a neighbor.</p> <p>ICE CREAM DAY</p>
<p>14 Read Isaiah 42:1-9 Talk about the different ways children celebrate Christmas in your neighborhood, and around the world. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY</p>	<p>15 As you look at yourself in the mirror today, remind yourself that you are to "Reflect the love of Christ".</p> <p>BILL OF RIGHTS DAY</p>	<p>16 As a family, read the Christmas Story from either Matthew 1:18-2:11 or Luke 2:1-21.</p>	<p>17 As a family make pancakes or waffles for breakfast or maybe have breakfast for dinner. Remember to use lots of syrup.</p> <p>NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP DAY</p>	<p>18 Today you could bake some cookies to share with Shut-ins, the Firefighters, Police, Homeless, or any other person who might need to experience the joy of the Season. BAKE COOKIES DAY</p>	<p>19 FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT Make oatmeal muffins together as a family and share with a neighbor. OATMEAL MUFFIN DAY</p>	<p>20 Gather up a group of family and friends and go caroling at a Nursing Home, to the homes of church shut-ins, or around your neighborhood.</p> <p>GO CAROLING DAY</p>
<p>21 Read Matthew 1:18-25</p>	<p>22 Find out the meaning of your name and the names of the other members of your family. Talk about the gospel Story from yesterday, and the importance of Jesus' name.</p>	<p>23 Cut your lunch sandwich into the shape of stars and talk about the original Christmas Star.</p>	<p>24 Make and decorate a birthday cake for Jesus.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	<p>25 Read Luke 2:8-20 CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26 FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT</p>	<p>27 Visit a local farm and talk about what it might have been like for Mary and Joseph to start their family in a stable.</p> <p>MAKE CUT OUT SNOWFLAKES DAY</p>
<p>28 Read Matthew 2:1-12 As a family, play a favorite game of cards today. CARD PLAYING DAY</p>	<p>29 Make a star to remind you of the Star the Wise Men saw. Go outside at night, look at the stars and review Sunday's scripture. Talk about how the Wise men must have felt seeing this special Star.</p>	<p>30 Make paper crowns and talk about the Wise Men and the gifts that they brought to Jesus.</p>	<p>31 Write a letter to Jesus, thanking Him for all the blessings you have received throughout the year. NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>	<p>Notes: : The FAITH 5 connects church to home, faith to life, and parents to kids in a powerful way. The five steps of the FAITH5 <i>Step one: Share highs and lows</i> <i>Step two: Read a verse from your Bible</i> <i>Step three: Talk about how the verse relates to your highs and lows</i> <i>Step four: Pray for one another's highs and lows</i> <i>Step five: Bless one another</i></p>		