

# DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Write a Friend Month</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Yesterday was the first Sunday in the season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. As a family talk about how difficult it is to wait and how it feels once the waiting is over.</p> <p><b>EAT A RED APPLE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 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><b>3</b> Clean out your old toys, and make a donation to a local charity.</p>	<p><b>4</b> 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. <a href="http://abcnews.go.com/US/macy">http://abcnews.go.com/US/macy</a></p> <p><b>SANTA'S LIST DAY</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Remember that Fridays are <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b>. Make a special dinner, play games together, and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p> <p><b>CHEESE PIZZA DAY</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 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><b>SAINT NICHOLAS DAY</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> <i>Read</i> <a href="#">Mark 1:1-8</a></p> <p><b>NATIONAL LETTER WRITING DAY/PEARL HARBOR DAY</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Use the first verse of Sunday's Gospel and print or type it on paper. Make a jigsaw puzzle.</p> <p><b>NATIONAL BROWNIE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 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.</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS CARD DAY</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 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><b>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Make a Christmas gift for a Special Teacher or friend.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b> Watch a Christmas movie tonight or a Special Christmas Program on TV.</p> <p><b>POINSETTA DAY</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Do something special in secret for someone in your family or for a neighbor.</p> <p><b>ICE CREAM DAY</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> <i>Read</i> <a href="#">John 1:6-8, 19-28</a> Talk about the different ways children celebrate Christmas in your neighborhood, and around the world.</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> As you look at yourself in the mirror today, remind yourself that you are to "Reflect the love of Christ."</p> <p><b>BILL OF RIGHTS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> As a family, read the Christmas Story from either Matthew 1:18 – 2:11 or Luke 2:1-21.</p>	<p><b>17</b> As a family make pancakes or waffles for breakfast or maybe have breakfast for dinner. Remember to use lots of syrup.</p> <p><b>NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP DAY</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Today you could bake some cookies to share with Shut-ins, Firefighters, Police, Homeless, or any other person who might need to experience the joy of the Season.</p> <p><b>BAKE COOKIES DAY</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b> Make oatmeal muffins together as a family and share with a neighbor.</p> <p><b>OATMEAL MUFFIN DAY</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 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><b>GO CAROLING DAY</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> <i>Read</i> <a href="#">Luke 1: 26-38</a></p>	<p><b>22</b> 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><b>23</b> Cut your lunch sandwich into the shape of stars and talk about the original Christmas Star.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Make and decorate a birthday cake for Jesus.</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Read</i> <a href="#">Luke 2:(1-7)8-20</a></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 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><b>MAKE CUT OUT SNOWFLAKES DAY</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> <i>Read</i> <a href="#">Luke 2:22-40</a> As a family, play a favorite game of cards today.</p> <p><b>CARD PLAYING DAY</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Talk about the ways we can grow in being like Jesus. How can our lives reflect His life?</p>	<p><b>30</b> Make paper crowns and talk about the Wise Men and the gifts that they brought to Jesus.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Write a letter to Jesus, thanking Him for all the blessings you have received throughout the year.</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p>	<p><b>Notes:</b> 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>		