



CHRISTMAS DAY ACTIVITY PLANNER



So much time and planning go into Christmas decorating, cooking and gift-giving. Take a little time a few days before Christmas to plan activities that keep the focus on the real meaning of Christmas for you, your children, and visitors.

BREAKFAST IDEAS

- Yogurt, Granola & Berries
- Cinnamon Buns
- Western Omelets

REFLECTIVE OPENING IDEAS

Do one or more of the following before opening presents:

- Christmas Story (Matthew 1:18 - 2:23; Luke 1:1 - 2:52; John 1:1-13)
- Poem
- Let a child read a Christmas Children's Book
- Song
- Share a Favorite Christmas Memory

GIFT OPENING

Ideas for taking focus off presents

- Open 1 present at a time
- Play Hide and Seek with presents (or other game)
- Have several unwrapping sessions through the day with 1-3 gifts opened by each person then.

MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

- Vote on World Vision or other Project
- Begin shoe box for next year
- Donate toys and games that have been outgrown

SPREAD THE CHEER

Visit relatives, neighbors, church members without children

- Bread
- Soup
- Cookies
- Soaps

TIME AS A FAMILY

- Craft Table (Choose One: clay, origami, wax sticks, craft kits, painted rocks, balloon art, drawing book, calligraphy, zentangle, quilling, brush lettering)
- Board Game
- Music (new CD, musicians share their work, everyone share a song from internet, etc.)
- Building Kit or Activity
- Jigsaw Puzzle
- Movie Time

REFLECTIVE CLOSING

- Do one of the activities listed in reflective opening that weren't done earlier.
- May have stocking or small gift back for end of day or as visitors leave.

