

IDEAS TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAYS MEANINGFUL

# GIFT & ART ACTIVITIES



If you are excited and make activities fun, your children will have fun too. Get creative and maybe invent some new traditions for your family.  
Happy Holidays!

## GIFTS

- **Draw names** – plan ahead of the holiday: draw names among family or friends. Gifts can be homemade, recycled gifts you own, or purchased at a thrift shop. Set a budget and guidelines – make it fun instead of expensive.
- **Hand write and mail letters or cards.**
- **Photo memory books** – dig out the old family photos and create a personalized book for specific family members/ friends.
- **Coupon books** – customize gifts like hugs, picking up room, etc.

## ART ACTIVITIES

- **Hope inspired ornaments** – make holiday ornaments that celebrate what “hope” means to your family and/or community. Donate those to veteran’s homes, hospitals, and/ or nursing homes.
- **Toilet paper roll crafts**
  - ▶ Kids can transform sturdy toilet paper tubes into snowmen, elves, angels, reindeer, and more. [For ideas and how to.](#)
  - ▶ Make Santa binoculars with 2 toilet paper rolls and yarn or string.
- **Make a snowflake** – use Popsicle sticks or a piece of paper. In the middle of the snowflake write your family name, and on the outside of the snowflake write all the reasons why your family is special.
- **DIY gift wrap** – use discarded brown bags or other paper to make designs on it. To make a stamp, cut a potato in half, draw a design, cut it out with a knife, paint it, and stamp a pattern on the paper.
- **Frost pinecones** – brush the pine cone petals with white glue and then roll the cones in Epsom salt so that it clings to the outside, looking like snow. Let dry for 24 hours. You can also spray the cones with white spray paint or dip the edges into white craft paint.
- **Make paper chain garland** for your house and tree. All you need is colored construction paper cut into strips and then glue or staple them into circles.
- **Create a holiday greeting video** – get creative! Use your phone to create a message to send to friends and family you can’t visit.
- **Make holiday cards** as a family to mail.
- **Make your own ornaments.**

