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Usher in the season with *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
and drink green milk with brownies.

-Krista Gilbert www.kristagilbert.com

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Create an Admiration Jar. Throughout the day anyone can leave a
note for another. Read them at the dinner table.

You can also leave the jar out the whole month of December.

-Jamie Ivey www.jamieivey.com

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Write a thank you note and pack a homemade treat for
those that serve us but are often overlooked:
the mail carrier, the garbage collector, the local fire/police department.

-Elisha Joyce www.rebelgrain.com

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Make a magical nightlight and hang twinkle
lights around your child's bedroom door or window.

-Allison Hendrix www.thehouseofhendrix.com

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Pick a Bible verse or passage to memorize together this season and put it up in
your home. You can try one from the Family Advent Study at bit.ly/familyadventstudy.
You could also do this with a Christmas carol if you prefer.

-Jessica Wolstenholm www.graceformoms.com

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Go on a walk together around the block and find natural objects to decorate
your home. A can of gold or silver spray paint and/or glitter can make pinecones,
branches and rocks frugal decorations that sparkle the season.

-Alexandra Kuykendall www.alexandrakuykendall.com

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Record a video of your family singing a Christmas carol, then text
it to people you love. Text caroling – it's a new holiday tradition!

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Take out a world map and choose a region, country or specific town to donate a practical
need item for a family or community. This can be local or international. For instance, purchase
an animal or donate the funds for a specific project through an organization. or, decide how
you will personally fulfill a practical need for a family in your own community.

-Tammy Strait www.graceuncommon.com

9 Hide candy canes in your yard and send everyone hunting for them (one per person). Come back to the kitchen and use the candy cane as a stir stick for hot chocolate. If you don't have a yard, do this inside your house.

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10 Get all of the cookbooks out and let each child pick a special dish to be made together sometime during the week, month, or for the Christmas meal.

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11 Build a fire and roast marshmallows inside or outside. If you have a portable fire pit and some extra time, place it in the front yard, and invite the neighbors over.

Top it off with a snowball fight if there is snow!

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12 Collect small, smooth rocks and write with Sharpie pens words or short phrases that express what each person is thankful for this season.

Put them in a visible place and read them at dinner that night.

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13 Play Christmas charades. Write and cut out Christmas words. Put them in a hat. If your kids are older, they may prefer Christmas blind-folded Pictionary (you have to draw the word with your eyes covered while the other person guesses).

-Alexandra Kuykendall www.alexandrakuykendall.com

14 See who can quote the most lines from the movie, *Elf*. If you have time, watch the movie and quote them as you go along.

-Jamie Ivey www.jamieivey.com

15 Choose an ornament from your tree and talk about what makes it special. If you already did this while decorating, then ask: if you could pick an ornament to receive this year that represents you, what would it be and why?

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16 Put together a small plate of Christmas treats and leave on a neighbor's doorstep, or deliver while singing carols.

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Have a holiday cookie eating contest using no hands.

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Act out the Christmas story. Take turns being different characters. Don't forget the animals. It's fun to have someone read from Luke 2:1-20, and then have the others act it out.

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Pop popcorn and sit under the twinkling lights of the Christmas tree in your pajamas with all of the lights off. If you have light displays close by, hop in the car to go see them.

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Watch an old family video, or pull out pictures of Christmases gone by - when the kids (or you) were young.

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Lay out paper and put each person's name at the top (in your family). Have people write a kind word or draw a picture on everyone's paper. Use these as holiday placemats.

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Buy coffee at your local drive through for a car behind you, or deliver a cup of Christmas cheer to your favorite teacher.

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In the spirit of the real St. Nicholas, fill shoes with a treat.

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Read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas or The Polar Express in candlelight as a bedtime story, no matter what the ages of your kids.

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Throw a birthday party for Jesus with
balloons, cake, and even sing the Happy Birthday song.

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