



**THE ULTIMATE
HOLIDAY
PLANNING PACK
FOR MOMS**



BUCKET LIST

- Bake Christmas cookies
- Drive around and look at Christmas lights
- Cut down (or set up) your Christmas tree
- Wear Christmas pajamas
- Have a sleepover under the Christmas tree
- Watch a Christmas movie
- Decorate your house, inside and out
- Send Christmas cards
- Eat a candy cane
- Make paper snowflakes
- Make a Christmas craft
- Decorate the Christmas tree
- Set out milk and cookies for Santa
- Make a gourmet hot chocolate bar
- Give a gift to someone in need
- Go to a Christmas Eve service
- Watch the Nutcracker on TV
- Wrap presents
- Read your favorite Christmas books
- Ask everyone to contribute their favorite songs to a Christmas playlist
- Burn a Christmas scented candle
- Make a gingerbread house
- Bundle up and go for a winter walk
- Make Christmas candy
- Hang up stockings
- Donate to a local food bank





PRIORITY PLANNER

On the lines below, write the names of each person in your family. Then ask each person what they are most looking forward to doing this season. Schedule those things early and make them a priority in the coming weeks, even if it means skipping something else.



TO DO

NOVEMBER

- Set a budget for Christmas gifts, supplies, and experiences.
- Check decorations and gift wrapping supplies. Purchase anything that is still needed.
- If you are planning to do one, schedule a photo shoot for Christmas cards.
- Design and order Christmas cards.
- Start to brainstorm gift ideas.
- Shop for good condition used gifts at thrift stores, consignment sales, or on Facebook Marketplace.
- Check Christmas books out from the library.
- Help your kids create Christmas wish lists.

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TO DO

EARLY DECEMBER

- Put up your Christmas tree.
- Decorate your house and/or yard.
- Keep track of invitations and events on your calendar. Schedule specific days to do the activities that are most important to your family.
- Send Christmas cards.
- Continue shopping for Christmas gifts.
- Finalize plans for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Start wrapping gifts.
- Make a plan for any holiday baking you want to do. You can even make cookie dough to freeze and bake later.

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TO DO

LATE DECEMBER

- Plan and shop for your holiday menu.
- Finish wrapping gifts.
- Pack for any holiday travels, or prepare your home for guests.
- Prep food for holiday meals.
- Put out milk and cookies for Santa.
- Fill stockings.
- Write down gifts received so that you can write thank you notes.
- Have a wonderful Christmas with your family!

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CHRISTMAS BOOK LIST

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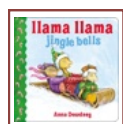
■ **Duck and Goose, It's Time for Christmas!** by Tad Hills



■ **Llama Llama Holiday Drama** by Anna Dewdney



■ **Pip and Posy and the Christmas Tree** by Axel Scheffler



■ **Llama Llama Jingle Bells** by Anna Dewdney



■ **The Mitten** by Jan Brett

■ **The Very Hungry**



■ **Caterpillar's Christmas 123** by Eric Carle



■ **Little Blue Truck's Christmas** by Alice Schertle



■ **Who is Coming to Our House?** by Joseph Slate



■ **Is it Christmas Yet?** by Jane Chapman



■ **Ten on the Sled** by Kim Norman



■ **You're my Little Christmas Wish** by Nicola Edwards



■ **How do Dinosaurs Say Merry Christmas?** by Jane Yolen



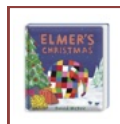
■ **Christmas in the Manger** by Nola Buck



■ **Dear Santa** by Rod Campbell



■ **The Itsy Bitsy Snowman** by Jeffrey Burton



■ **Elmer's Christmas** by David McKee



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CHRISTMAS BOOK LIST

PICTURE BOOKS



■ **The Polar Express** by
Chris Van Allsburg



■ **Bear Stays Up for
Christmas** by Karma Wilson



■ **The Berenstain Bears
and the Joy of Giving** by Jan
& Mike Berenstain



■ **Snowmen at Christmas**
by Caralyn Buehner



■ **Olive, the Other
Reindeer** by Vivian Walsh



■ **Santa Mouse** by Michael
Brown



■ **The Christmas Boot** by
Lisa Wheeler



■ **How to Catch an Elf** by
Adam Wallace



■ **The Night Before
Christmas** by Clement
Moore



■ **A Homemade Together
Christmas** by Maryann Cocca-
Leffler



■ **How the Grinch Stole
Christmas!** by Dr. Seuss



■ **The Christmas Crocodile**
by Bonny Becker



■ **If You Take a Mouse to the
Movies** by Laura Numeroff



■ **The Snowman** by Raymond
Briggs



■ **Santa's Underwear** by
Marty Rhodes Figley



■ **If You Ever Want to Bring a
Pirate to Meet
Santa, DON'T!** by Elise Parsley



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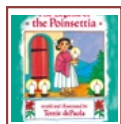


CHRISTMAS BOOK LIST

PICTURE BOOKS



■ **Morris's Disappearing Bag** by Rosemary Wells



■ **The Legend of the Poinsettia** by Tomie dePaola



■ **Room for a Little One: A Christmas Tale** by Martin Waddell



■ **Merry Christmas Mom and Dad** by Mercer Mayer



■ **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer** by Robert L. May



■ **Jan Brett's Christmas Treasury** by Jan Brett



■ **Snowman Magic** by Katherine Tegen



■ **The Crippled Lamb** by Max Lucado



■ **Santa Duck** by David Milgrim



■ **Click, Clack, Ho! Ho! Ho!** by Doreen Cronin



■ **Mooseltoe** by Margie Palatini



■ **La Noche Buena: A Christmas Story** by Antonio Sacre



■ **The Biggest Christmas Tree Ever** by Steven Kroll



■ **Sneezy the Snowman** by Maureen Wright



■ **Froggy's Best Christmas** by Jonathan London



■ **How to Catch Santa** by Jean Reagan



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GIFT IDEAS

FOR BABIES

- A lovey
- Stacking rings
- Shaker eggs
- Stacking cups
- Little People farm or nativity
- A swing
- Dancing scarves

FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS

- Mud kitchen
- Art supplies: Markers, watercolors, paintbrushes, paint sticks, pastels
- Trapeze bar
- Play school supplies
- Flashlight
- Sequence for Kids
- Legos

FOR TODDLERS/PRESCHOOLERS

- Sensory table
- Functional kitchen
- CD or Yoto player
- Sandwich maker
- Chemistry play lab
- Melissa & Doug sandwich shop, ice cream shop, or coffee set
- Playmags
- Little People fire truck or school bus
- Hot Wheels
- Balance bike
- Race to the Treasure or Pengoloo
- Dentist Play-Doh set



MORE IDEAS & LINKS TO
OUR FAVORITES [HERE!](#)



NON-TOY GIFT IDEAS

FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

- A family photo book
- A new cup or water bottle
- Diaper and wipes
- Pajamas, a robe, and slippers
- A new toothbrush
- Money for a college fund
- A backpack or lunchbox
- A travel bag
- Art supplies
- A new plate and silverware
- Books
- A magazine subscription
- Clothes
- A Panda Crate
- Favorite snacks
- Outdoor play clothes
- A bird feeder
- Bath accessories

TICKETS & EXPERIENCES

- Swimming lessons
- Zoo tickets or membership
- Aquarium tickets or membership
- Petting zoo tickets
- A live show
- Tickets for a scenic train ride
- Tickets to a fair/amusement park
- Indoor playground
- Children's museum or playhouse
- Toddler music classes
- Dance or gymnastics classes
- A baseball game
- Baby/toddler gym
- Gift cards to a favorite restaurant or ice cream shop



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NON-TOY GIFT IDEAS

FOR KIDS

- An umbrella and rain boots
- A new toothbrush
- Pajamas
- A new cup or water bottle
- Gum
- New sheets/bedding
- Headphones
- A new backpack or lunchbox
- A duffle bag, suitcase, or travel toiletry bag
- Art supplies
- Books
- A magazine subscription
- A wallet or bank
- An alarm clock
- A flashlight or reading light
- A sleeping bag
- A watch

TICKETS & EXPERIENCES

- Cooking, art, or music classes
- Swimming lessons
- Zoo tickets or membership
- Aquarium tickets or membership
- Petting zoo tickets
- A live show
- Tickets for a scenic train ride
- Tickets to a fair/amusement park
- Museum
- Dance or gymnastics classes
- A baseball game
- Gift cards to a favorite restaurant or ice cream shop
- Movie tickets



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THE GINGERBREAD MAN

READ ALOUDS



■ **The Gingerbread Boy** by

Richard Egielski



■ **Catch that Cookie!** by

Hallie Durand



■ **Gingerbread Baby,**

Gingerbread Friends,

and/or **Gingerbread**



■ **The Gingerbread Girl** by

Lisa Campbell Ernst



Christmas by Jan Brett



■ **The Library Gingerbread**

Man by Dotti Enderle

ACTIVITIES

- Children's Rhyme: [Gingerbread Men](#)
- [The Gingerbread Cookie Dance](#)
- Take cookies to a neighbor or a local nursing home
- Art hub: [Gingerbread man](#) or [gingerbread house](#)
- [Gingerbread man headband](#)
- [Gingerbread man stick puppets](#)
- Bake gingerbread men cookies



[MORE IDEAS AND
LINKS HERE](#)



THE NUTCRACKER

READ ALOUDS



■ **The Nutcracker** by Susan Jeffers



■ **Jan Brett's The Nutcracker**



■ **Mary Engelbreit's Nutcracker**



■ **The Nutcracker's Night Before Christmas** by Keith Brockett



■ **Waltz of the Snowflakes** by Elly MacKay

ACTIVITIES

- Watch the [Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy](#) or the [Russian Dance](#)
- Nutcracker Suite [creative movement activity](#)
- Make a [paper plate tambourine](#).
- Make paper snowflakes. Listen to the music from the dance of the snowflakes and dance with your snowflake.
- Attend a performance of The Nutcracker
- [Learn to dance](#) like the sugar plum fairy
- Make a [sugar plum fairy wand](#)
- [Nutcracker paper dolls](#)

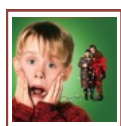


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CHRISTMAS MOVIES

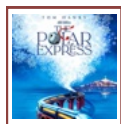
TO WATCH WITH YOUR KIDS



■ Home Alone (1990)



■ The Grinch (2018) or
How the Grinch Stole
Christmas! (1966)



■ The Polar Express (2004)



■ The Santa Clause (1994)



■ Rudolph the Red-Nosed
Reindeer (1964)



■ Prep and Landing (2009)



■ Shaun the Sheep: The
Flight Before Christmas (2021)



■ The Toy that Saved
Christmas (1996)



■ Winnie the Pooh: A Very
Merry Pooh Year (2002)



■ The Best Christmas Pageant
Ever (1983 or 2024)



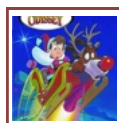
■ Elf (2003)



■ The Elf on the Shelf: An Elf's
Story (2010)



■ Arthur Christmas (2011)



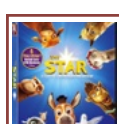
■ Adventures in Odyssey:
Electric Christmas (1994)



■ Miracle on 34th Street
(1947)



■ The Muppet Christmas
Carol (1992)



■ The Star (2017)



■ A Charlie Brown Christmas
(1965)



BIBLE VERSES & SONGS



 **LUKE 2:14** 

Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth.
Good will to men.





BIBLE VERSES & SONGS



ISAIAH 9:6



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.



ISAIAH 44:23



Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
Shout, O depths of the earth;
Break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.





BIBLE VERSES & SONGS



LUKE 2:15-16



When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us. And they went with haste. And they found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger.



LUKE 2:8-11



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified, but the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord."





PARTY PLANNER

HOLIDAY PARTY TO-DO LIST:

- Pick a party location, date, and time.
- If needed, reserve your venue or entertainment.
- Create a guest list.
- Gather guest information (emails/phone numbers) as needed.
- Create and send invitations.
- Keep track of RSVPs as they come in. Follow up with anyone who has not RSVPd.
- Brainstorm a food/drink list.
- Put in food/cake orders, or add items needed to your shopping list.
- Plan and prepare any games or entertainment. Add any supplies needed to your shopping list.
- Choose and order decorations.
- Prepare decorations, games, and activities as needed.
- Purchase the items on your shopping list.
- Pick up food orders.
- Prepare any food as needed.
- Decorate the party space.
- Have a wonderful time celebrating!





PARTY PLANNER

DATE & TIME:

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PARTY PLANNER

GUEST LIST & RSVPS

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MEAL PLANNER

BREAKFAST

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