

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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CHRISTMAS BOOK LIST

BOARD BOOKS

■ **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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GIFT IDEAS

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO BRAINSTORM GIFT IDEAS FOR THE SEASON:



CHECK OUT THE [GIFT GUIDE FOR KIDS:](#)
TRIED AND TRUE GIFTS THEY WILL
ACTUALLY USE ALL YEAR LONG!

THE GINGERBREAD MAN

READ ALOUDS

■ **The Gingerbread Boy** by

Richard Egielski

■ **Gingerbread Baby,**

Gingerbread Friends,

and/or **Gingerbread**

Christmas by Jan Brett

■ **Catch that Cookie!** by

Hallie Durand

■ **The Gingerbread Girl** by

Lisa Campbell Ernst

■ **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



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THE NUTCRACKER

READ ALOUDS

■ **The Nutcracker** by Susan

Jeffers

■ **Mary Engelbreit's**

Nutcracker

■ **Waltz of the Snowflakes**

by Elly MacKay

■ **Jan Brett's The**

Nutcracker

■ **The Nutcracker's Night**

Before Christmas by Keith

Brockett

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:

LOCATION:

FOOD

SHOPPING LIST

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ACTIVITIES/ENTERTAINMENT

DECORATIONS

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PARTY PLANNER

GUEST LIST & RSVPS

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MEAL PLANNER

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MEAL PLANNER

BREAKFAST

APPETIZERS

MAIN COURSE

SIDES

DRINKS

DESSERT

GROCERY LIST

BAKERY

PRODUCE

MEAT

DAIRY

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