

Daily Christmas Traditions

The ideas listed below are for Advent Calendars that can hold notes and presents. Many of these calendars have numbered doors with openings behind them. Start on December 1st and end on December 24th. Each day, have a child open a door to reveal what's inside. (The present could be for one child or many, depending upon the gift.) If a prize is too big to fit in the box, put a note behind the door giving clues as to where the item is located in the house. Get creative and have fun!

- *Secret Sibling day- Draw names and get creative! This can be done for one day only, or for the whole Advent season, revealing names on December 24th.* _____
- *You can stay up ½ an hour past your bedtime* _____
- *Extra dessert tonight* _____
- *You don't have to finish something on your plate* _____
- *You can fall asleep in mom and dad's bed* _____
- *You can pick one thing from the Dollar store (or roll up a new dollar bill)* _____
- *Good for one trip to the library* _____
- *½ an hour game night with game of your choice* _____
- *You pick – movie night* _____
- *Skip a day of music practice* _____
- *Dinner out with mom or dad* _____
- *Special treat – Dad's bringing you a happy meal for school lunch!* _____
- *After family pictures, you've earned a trip to the ice cream store (don't forget about extended family pictures as well – make reservations early for large groups!)* _____
- *Off to the mall – for pictures with Santa! (Don't forget to write your list!)* _____
- *Free bed-making for a week* _____
- *Your afternoon chores are forgiven* _____
- *Night of pampering – bubble bath, nails painted* _____
- *Foot and back massage – compliments of mom* _____
- *Dinner of your choice* _____
- *Family Christmas movie time - Grab your popcorn and pillow!* _____
- *Get ready for a day of BAKING!* _____
- *Grab a Christmas book – and let's read! (or give a new one)* _____
- *Grab some hot chocolate, jump in the car and let's go see Christmas lights!* _____
- *Let's make a Gingerbread House!* _____
- *Open the presents under the tree with the gold ribbon!* _____
- *(Done on the 24th – presents contain kids' Christmas PJs)* _____
- *First seven days could be the "What God wants for Christmas" nativity boxes* _____
- *Day of crafts with mom (paper chains, fingerknit chains, snowflakes, etc.)* _____
- *Let's go Christmas caroling to the neighbors!* _____
- *Plan a nice night out – "The Nutcracker", a traveling Broadway show, etc.* _____
- *Don't forget your spouse! – use a door and fill their needs as well – day of Christmas shopping, round of golf, night out (or in) at the movies - personalize it!* _____
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