

12 Days of Christmas

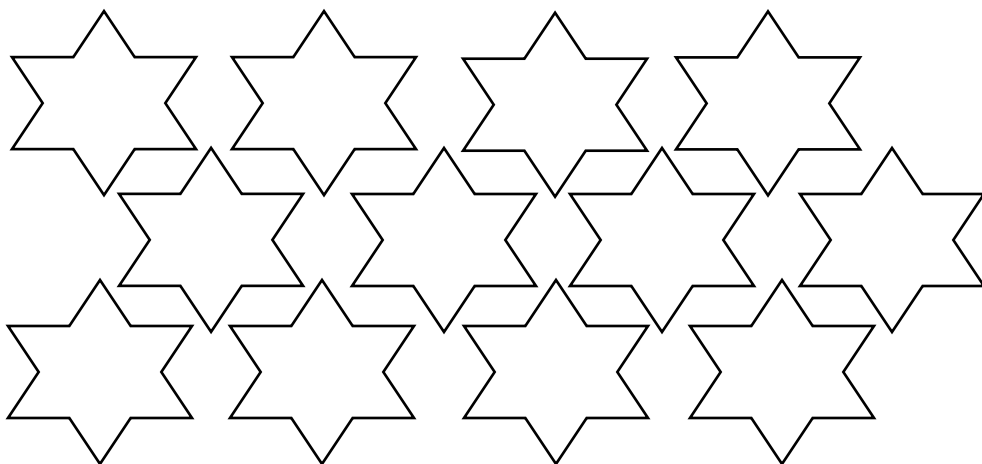
Kindness



Christmas Begins on December 25

Christmas doesn't end when the presents are unwrapped. In fact, Christmas lasts until January 6, or 12 days. In Jesus we see God's love come to earth. It is our work to continue to share God's love and God's light in the world today. The 12 Days of Christmas offer 12 opportunities to do something for others as a way of saying "thank you" to God for the gifts we have been given. Here are 12 child-friendly ideas to get you started. Color in a Christmas star each time you do something for others.

1. Mail a card to a teacher or coach you know.
2. Tidy up a room in your home.
3. Choose a sustainable or recycled option when shopping.
4. Ask a family member if they need any help.
5. Donate new socks to a homeless shelter.
6. Record a Christmas carol and send it to a relative.
7. Reuse packaging when wrapping a gift.
8. Write a thank-you note for someone in your household acknowledging something they did for you.
9. Set out seeds for the birds.
10. Offer to help make dinner.
11. Donate winter coats that don't fit anymore.
12. Take on a new chore at home for one week.



The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

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9 a.m. January 3

Family Epiphany Chapel – use the Advent Zoom Link

A star-filled celebration

January 6th is Epiphany, traditionally the day the church Celebrates the arrival of the Three Kings, also known as the Magi or Wisemen, in Bethlehem. King Cake, chalking the door, star words, and pageants are fun and meaningful ideas to mark the 12 Days of Christmas.

Chalking the door is a way to welcome Christ's blessing into our hearts and homes. Take a piece of chalk and write "20+C+M+B+21." The numbers represent the year 2021. "C-M-B" stands for either the traditional names of the king (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) or an acronym for "Christus Mansionem Bendicat" which means, "May Christ bless this home."

After you chalk the door, say a short prayer, then sing "We Three Kings":

Holy God, bless this home and the people who live and visit here. May your love shine as brightly in us as the star that led the Magi to Jesus. Amen.



King Cake is an Epiphany Tradition

Try this easy recipe:



Use canned cinnamon rolls and form into a circle. Top with white icing and colored sugar for a classic King Cake look. Instead of using a plastic Baby Jesus inside your cake, use an orange wedge so there's less choking hazard. Traditionally, the baby symbolizes luck and prosperity to whoever finds it in their slice of cake.

Sunday Family Faith Time is Online in January

9 a.m. - Family Chapel

11 a.m. - Third Grade Bible & Drawing Closer to God

Anytime - Asynchronous videos & activities

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