



*15 Ways to Create
Memorable Christmas Moments*

Christmas is an excellent time of the year to make memorable moments as a family. The season fills up quickly with parties, preparation, and presents. Take a few moments to plan now for the memories you want to create with your family.

Here are 15 fun activities your family can do together this Christmas season to create memorable moments.





Silly and Tacky Christmas Sweater Card

Most kids don't love family pictures, so have a little fun this year! Gather tacky Christmas sweaters or outfits and have a silly family photo session for your Christmas card. Your friends and family will get a laugh, and you and your family will have fun.





Go Ice Skating Together

Nothing is more memorable than slipping and falling together or gliding smoothly along the ice. Find a pop-up rink or (if you live somewhere cold enough) your local frozen lake and spend an afternoon ice-skating.





Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Stir up some fun family competition with a gingerbread house decorating contest. Divide your family into teams and race to see who can assemble and decorate their home the fastest. The loser cleans up all the mess and must eat something they don't like.



Bake Christmas Cookies

Spend an afternoon filling your kitchen with the smell of freshly baked cookies. From snicker-doodle, slice and bake to sugar, there are endless recipes to choose from. Be sure to bake some sugar cookies and decorate those together!



Go Caroling

Put on some Santa hats and spread Christmas cheer! Drive around to your friend's and family's houses and surprise them with Christmas carols.

Don't worry about singing on key, have fun!

(This is another opportunity for your tacky Christmas apparel).





Christmas Light Tour

Put on your pj's, fix travel cups of hot chocolate and go on a Christmas Light Tour. Check social media for posts for neighborhoods or areas that may have big displays. You can also do a scavenger hunt. Let each family member put three items on the list. The most challenging one to find wins!



Snowball Fight

The Christmas season brings the hope for a white Christmas with a good snowball fight no matter where you live. Surprise your kids one afternoon with a snowball fight. If you live in a warm climate with no snow even within driving distance, use cotton balls or make fake snow. Even if you have to drive a few hours for the experience, spending an afternoon throwing snow at each other will be a memory no one forgets!





Christmas Photo Booth

Set up a Christmas photo booth with a polaroid camera. When friends and family stop by or come over, have them dress up and take a picture with you. This will be a fun way to remember the season.





Christmas Goodie Tasting

We all have our favorite Christmas goodies that we look forward to each year. Change it up a little this year; gather your favorite goodies but include some from other cultures or countries (make sure to mix in a few they won't like). Have each person try a new goodie blindfolded and take a picture of their reaction. You'll have a great night of fun, laughing at each other's reactions.



Christmas Movie Marathon with Popcorn and Hot Chocolate Bar

Settle in for a long winter's night with a Christmas Movie Marathon. Let each family member choose their favorite movie and make your way down the list. (You may have to start in the afternoon!) Set up a Christmas Popcorn and Hot Chocolate Bar to keep your bellies full.





Serve Together

The Christmas season is a great time to serve together as a family. Look for opportunities in your local church as well as in your community. Ask your kids for input; they may be aware of a need or have an idea that's not on your radar.



Cut Down Your Own Christmas Tree

Find a local Christmas tree farm and enjoy an afternoon outdoors cutting down your own Christmas tree. Typically they will also have fun activities your family will enjoy making it a more memorable experience, even if you prefer a pre-cut tree.

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Go on a Sleigh Ride

Bundle up and enjoy the brisk winter air on a sleigh ride. Consider putting your phones away after you take a picture for a screen-free evening together. Sing carols (you'll have some practice if you did #5), or share your favorite Christmas memories as you stroll along.





Be Santa's Elves

Spend the afternoon baking Christmas goodies and load up one evening to deliver gifts and goodies to friends and family. Have someone drop the delivery, ring the doorbell, and see if they can get back to the car without being seen. You'll make lots of memories watching each other try to be as stealthy as Santa's elves.



Have a White Elephant Gift Exchange

Take the edge off waiting until Christmas Day to open all the presents with a white elephant gift exchange. Let each family member choose a \$5 or less silly gift. Enjoy a night of laughter and fun fighting over inexpensive, goofy gifts.



Bonus!

If you have young children, have them re-tell or act out the nativity story all on their own.

Be sure to video it and capture all their unique perspectives on that night!

