



Family Christmas Challenge



How much fun can your family handle this Christmas?
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** Visit www.northsidebaptist.org/familymatters for ideas and links for these activities.

Go for a drive in your PJs and bring along some hot chocolate. Play Christmas Light I Spy **

Have a snowball fight. With what? Be creative and make your snowballs out of socks, tissue paper, or whatever else you can come up with. Just make sure it's soft!

Time for a family sleepover by the Christmas tree. Have plenty of movies, stories, cookies, and hot chocolate on hand. Matching PJs optional.

Have a family game night. Play some Christmas "Would You Rather . . . ?" while you're at it.**

Have a Christmas jam session. Find an instrument for everyone and sing a few fun Christmas songs. Pots and spoons, dollar store kazoo's and recorders, or wooden blocks. Anything goes!

It's time for Christmas Minute-to-Win-It. Gather your family and put on your game face!**

Make a Jesse Tree (Google it - great for elementary age) or read one chapter of the book of Luke each night in December as a family. You'll end on Christmas Eve.

The holidays are hard on those with no family around. Pick a friend or neighbor who needs a little encouragement and be their Secret Santa this December. Everyone needs to know someone cares. Keep your kids involved in pulling this one off.

Christmas cookies are always a hit. Make your favorites and enjoy. Better yet, pull together lots of add-ins, make a basic dough, and let everyone create their own. If your family is competitive, turn this into a Christmas Cookie Contest.

Fill in your own idea!



Snuggle in front of the fire and read an old Christmas favorite. Or, wrap a new book for each kid.

Decorate a gingerbread house (or a whole neighborhood). Get creative and build a multi-story house. Be careful! (Bonus points if it's still standing the next morning!)

Show the Christmas spirit (and the love of Jesus) by helping a family in need. Come up with your own way to help or join in with a group project dedicated to helping families during the holidays.

It's Christmas movie night - Pop some popcorn and put on a movie. While you're watching, see who can make the longest popcorn string. If your kids are too young for a needle and thread, let them hand the popcorn to their "partner" to string. (Tip: Don't use extra butter popcorn for this!)

Get your cameras and cell phones ready to go on a Christmas Photo Scavenger Hunt.**

Have your kids write and illustrate their own Christmas books about their favorite parts of the holiday season.