




## CHRISTMAS READING ADVENT

### *Activities & Discussion Prompts*

1. Read a book about Christmas trees. Visit a tree farm or lot.
2. Read a Christmas book about traditions. How are the Christmas traditions from the story similar to yours? How are they different?
3. Read a book about snow. Have an indoor snowball fight using cotton balls.
4. Read a book about giving. Make a list of people you are thankful for. Choose one (or two or three) and write them a thank you note. Don't forget to deliver it!
5. Read a book about the Nutcracker and watch all or part of the Nutcracker ballet (great options can be found on YouTube).
6. Read a Christmas book about the Nativity story. Write down your feelings about the Savior and His birth. Share what you wrote with someone.
7. Read a book about snow. Make snowflakes as a family. Leave them around town (or the library, grocery store, church building, parking lot) with notes telling people how unique and loved they are.
8. Read a book about Christmas giving. What gifts that can't be bought (of love, service, time, talents) can you give to those around you?
9. Read a Christmas book about sharing the season with others. Invite someone to join you in your Christmas festivities (to worship with you at church on Christmas Sunday, attend a Christmas party, go caroling with you, decorate cookies, etc.).
10. Read a book about those in need. How can you help those around you? What can you give this season?
11. Read a book based on a Christmas carol. Listen to or learn to sing the carol as a family. If you're feeling extra ambitious, share the song with others by caroling to neighbors and friends.
12. Read a book about Christmas traditions. Decorate your bedroom door for Christmas.
13. Read a book about giving. Small acts can make a big difference in the lives of others. Smile at everyone you see today. Discuss with your family how doing that made you and others feel.
14. Read a book about giving. Serve someone in your family today. Clean their room, fold their laundry, leave them a nice note, make their lunch, etc.
15. Read a book about giving. Wrap Christmas presents as a family.
16. Read a book about snow. We are all unique and loved as individuals. Spend time with a sibling or family member today doing a one-on-one activity. Show them how much you love and appreciate them.

17. Read a book about the Nativity. Create something (a picture, poem, song, etc) to share how you feel about Jesus Christ.
18. Read a book about Christmas that is set in another country (bonus points if you have a family member, past or present from that country). Learn about that country and its people (or your family member).
19. Read a book about small acts making a big difference. Keep an eye out today! Look for people doing small, good things. When you see someone do something kind, tell them you appreciate them.
20. Read a book about snow. Make a snowman (play dough, real snow, paper craft, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, cookies, etc.).
21. Read a book about Christmas gifts or gratitude. Instead of writing a Christmas wish list, write a gratitude list with all of the things you're thankful for. Keep this list to remind you of all the wonderful things you've been blessed with.
22. Read a book about the wise men. What gifts can you give your Savior? What gifts has He given you?
23. Read a Christmas book that will make you laugh. As a family, write your own Christmas jokes. (Here's one to get you started: Which of Santa's reindeer has the worst manners? RUDE-olph, of course!)
24. Read a Christmas book about animals. How can you help animals during the winter? (Donate old blankets to an animal shelter, find ask a grocery store if you can donate treats to be placed outside in a bowl for dogs, offer to take care of the family pet, donate toys and enrichment items or a monetary contribution to your local zoo.) Choose one way to help this season as a family.
25. Read a book about Christmas symbols. Enjoy that symbol as a family (decorate your Christmas tree, share candy canes, create reindeer using popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners or candy canes and pipe cleaners).
26. Read about Christmas traditions. As a family, choose one meaningful tradition you'd like to add to your holiday season or talk about a tradition you already have and why it's important.
27. Read a book about Christmas trees. Have a family or sibling sleepover under the tree.
28. Read a book about the Christmas spirit. Drive to see Christmas lights and talk about how you can be a light and spread the spirit of Christmas this season.
29. Read a book that has been made into a movie. Watch the movie together as a family.
30. Read a book about helping others. Try your best to support someone else today. Compliment them about something they've worked hard on, ask them if they need help with anything, attend a game or recital they're in.

31. Read a book about Christmas traditions. Make a homemade Christmas decoration, like dried orange garland, popcorn garland, a paper chain, etc.
32. Read a book about giving. Decorate Christmas cards as a family and share them with those you love.
33. Read a book about the symbols of Christmas. Hide the symbols around the house. Do a scavenger hunt and talk about each symbol and their meaning as a family when all are found.
34. Read a book about Christmas treats. Do a candy cane scavenger hunt.
35. Have a pajama reading party. Read three or more Christmas books. Talk about which was your favorite and why.
36. Have a pajama reading party and read a longer Christmas book by the light of the Christmas tree.
37. Read a book about being with those you love at Christmas. Call a family member that lives far from you.
38. Read a book about giving. Make a Christmas craft and give it to someone (friend, neighbor, grandparent, teacher).
39. Read a book about the spirit of Christmas. Serve the elderly as a family (take treats to an elderly neighbor, shovel someone's driveway, visit a nursing home, etc.).
40. Read a book about Christmas treats. Bake cookies, have a hot chocolate bar, eat a candy cane.
41. Christmas Eve: Read a book about the nativity and the Savior's birth featuring the Wise Men. Have a Shepherd's Feast with your family on the floor by candlelight.
42. Christmas Day: Read a book with text from the scriptures. Display pieces of a Nativity set (print and cut out pictures if you don't have one!) as you read about the different figures in the story.