

December Activity Kit

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Thoughtful, clutter free gifts can be a great alternative to purchasing yet another toy or game. Enlist your kids' help, and put together an activity kit for friends or relatives. It's fun, inexpensive and sure to create happy holiday memories.



Supplies

- a mini-lunch box, bucket or wood crate (Target often has seasonal felt and tin buckets in the dollar section, and JoAnn's Fabrics offers a pretty assortment of miniature lunch boxes).
- heavy cardstock in a coordinating color, cut into 4 inch squares
- fine point sharpie pen
- chocolate or candy
- tag and ribbon

Instructions:

- Decorate the lunchbox or crate with a ribbon or tag. We used a simple shipping tag and a rustic square crate.
- Label each square of cardstock with a date in December (December 1, December 2, December 3, etc).
- Make a list of activities tailored to the family receiving your kit. See our suggestions below, or come up with your own.
- Write one activity on each card--be sure to coordinate appropriate activities with the days of the

week--for instance, sledding or ice skating is better suited to the weekend.

- Make an instruction sheet so the gift's recipients understand how to use it.
- Tie a ribbon around the cards, place in the crate along with the instructions; and fill with chocolate or candy. If you'd like, embellish the package with tissue paper, wrapping paper, tags, or stickers.

Possible Activities:

- Make [hot chocolate floats](#)
- Sing five christmas carols in front of the fire
- Make popcorn and play a family game
- Read two Christmas stories as a family
- Go sledding
- Build a snowman
- Make gingerbread cake with whipping cream
- Make and frost sugar cookies
- Have a family movie night featuring treats and a Christmas film
- Make a Christmas craft
- Look at photo albums of past Christmas celebrations
- Shovel a neighbor's walk
- Donate a toy or possession to a family in need
- Attend a free holiday concert
- Invite friends for a snowball fight (followed by hot chocolate and cookies)

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