

10 December Activities for Catholic Families



- 1. **Pray for missionaries all over the world** who are spreading God's Word. To extend this activity, see what your family can do to help those doing a mission. (Saint Francis Xavier's Feast Day is December 3rd.)
- 2. **Fill your children's shoes with small gifts or wrapped candies** while they're asleep to celebrate Saint Nicholas' Feast Day on December 6th.
- 3. **Attend Mass on Christmas Day (December 25th) and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th).** Both are Holy Days of Obligation.
- 4. **Have a Mexican-themed dinner with roses as decorations** to celebrate the feast days of Saint Juan Diego (December 9th) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). You can make your own paper roses with this template:
<https://www.reallifeathome.com/super-easy-valentines-paper-rose-cutout/>
- 5. **Plan to give a gift (or three) to Jesus this year to celebrate His birthday.** Jesus taught us that when we help those in need, we are helping Him. Find a way to give a Christmas gift to someone who is particularly in need this year.
- 6. **Try one of these fun, hands on Nativity themed activities:**
<http://bit.ly/HandsOnNativity>
- 7. **If there is one within traveling distance, visit a Living Nativity.** If this is not possible, set up your family's Nativity scene and have a discussion about what the sights, sounds, and even smells may have been.
- 8. **Read one of the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.** Wait until then to add Jesus to your family's Nativity scene. Ask the youngest family member to add Him to the crèche. (Or you can give the honor to someone different each year.)
- 9. **Brainstorm with your family things you can do to live more like the Holy Family.** Plan to do at least one of those things before the end of the month. (The Feast of the Holy Family is the first Sunday after Christmas.)
- 10. **Choose an activity that will help babies,** such as donating to a crisis pregnancy center, praying for babies in danger around the world, or even just spending time with a special baby in your lives. (The Feast of the Holy Innocents is December 28th.)