



THE 12 DAYS OF  
CHRISTMAS

# Family Fun Frenzy

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If you're like me, then you spend a lot of time thinking about days of the past wondering, "How did all of the time with my kids go by so quickly?" I know for Amy and me, we often get emotional whenever we look at pictures of the girls from their younger years, especially at Christmas!

I often remember Christmas growing up in my home in Arkansas with my family. Those were some really great times filled with memories I'll never forget! Now that I am making new memories with my own kids, I sure want to help them make some great ones! On the *Family Strong Podcast with Jeffrey Dean*, I often encourage you to create "good times moments" that will provide lasting memories for you and your kids. The Christmas season is the perfect time of year to create such moments that your family can cherish for a lifetime.

## { BE INTENTIONAL }

Before you know it, the decorations will be boxed away, the Christmas tree will be out by the curb, and your kids will be one year closer to living out on their own. And, we all know how busy this time of year can get - really fast! You're going to have to be intentional and make time each day to enjoy these moments. Some of these suggestions will take more time than others. Look over the list, get a plan, commit time each day, and enjoy!

## { UNPLUG }

It's hard to give your family attention when your face is in your phone. Put your phone down and focus on your family. If you need to grab a pic to post, that's fine. Snap, post and unplug.

## { MAKE IT YOUR OWN }

This 12 day countdown includes some of our family's fun frenzy suggestions from past years. You may find that some suggestions work better than others. Edit the list as needed, and get a plan to make it happen. If you have a college student or older child who won't be home for the 12 days preceding Christmas, tweak the list. If you have a child who can't make it home for Christmas or who will only be home a few days, consider sending them a package in the mail with boxes numbered for each of the 12 days leading up to Christmas. Just because they won't be there or don't live at home anymore doesn't mean they can't enjoy frenzy!

# COUNT DOWN THE DAYS!

*Day 12*

**DECEMBER**  
**13**

Build a Ginger Bread House together.

*Day 11*

**DECEMBER**  
**14**

Make hot chocolate, sit by the fire & share childhood Christmas memories.

*Day 10*

**DECEMBER**  
**15**

Bake homemade cookies & deliver them to a senior citizens home.

*Day 9*

**DECEMBER**  
**16**

Go have your family take a Christmas picture with Santa.

*Day 8*

**DECEMBER**  
**17**

Throw an Open House party & invite your neighbors to stop by for Christmas snacks.

*Day 7*

**DECEMBER**  
**18**

Make homemade Christmas cards to deliver to teachers, friends, and family.

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*Day 6*

**DECEMBER  
19**

Get a Starbucks tasty & drive around to look at Christmas lights.

*Day 5*

**DECEMBER  
20**

Watch *A Charlie Brown Christmas* on ABC at 8/7c.

*Day 4*

**DECEMBER  
21**

Invite friends to go Christmas caroling in the neighborhood.

*Day 3*

**DECEMBER  
22**

Take awkward family Christmas pictures together & post to your socials.

*Day 2*

**DECEMBER  
23**

Stay in and watch classic Christmas movies & eat popcorn.

*Day 1*

**DECEMBER  
24**

Read the Christmas Story from the bible in Luke 2.

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