

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Worship More Fully, Spend Less, Give Yourself More, Love All

Relational Gift Ideas

Restaurant Trump Cards

Give your kids restaurant "trump" cards. Make paper cards about the size of a credit card and laminate them. The cards authorize the holder one use to "trump" anyone in the family when they are deciding which restaurant to go to (within reason!). You can also give each child "time" coupons. One will get Donuts with Dad on any Saturday morning, another Mall time with Mom, etc.

(Submitted by ShannonC on Wed, 12/02/2009)

Game Time!

Create a family trivia game with questions that make them talk to other family members. You could even have a prize!

Giving Calendar

Make a calendar for everyone in your family. Include all of the birthdays of people in your immediate family and then any extended family birthdays you can find. You also can include some fun entries, like inventions of common household items. Then, instead of just a picture on each month, highlight a charity that is on your heart. In that month, you can make a donation to that charity in your family's name. You can leave one month open, and have each person choose a charity that you will make a donation to in their name.

(Submitted by byrkar on Wed, 12/02/2009)

Book Club

Does someone you love live far away? Do you like to read? Start a book club for the two of you! Wrap two copies of the same book and give one of them to your loved one with a note describing your newly formed book club. Read one book together each month and take turns choosing the book. The first Sunday night of each month (or some other consistent night), have a designated phone time to discuss the book.

(Submitted by Jenn_Williams on Wed, 10/22/2008)

Family Pizza Night Gift Basket

Create a gift basket that includes items to make pizza like boboli pizza crust, pizza sauce, a stick of peperoni, a can of olives, etc. Include a pizza cutter and maybe a pizza stone (depending on how much money you want to spend). Throw in some Blockbuster gift cards and microwave popcorn, and you've got a family fun night!

(Submitted by webster.rachelle on Thu, 12/11/2008)

Warm Hands!

Give your friends the gift of warmth with a homemade hand warmer. If you know how to make a beanbag, then you know how to make a hand warmer. Use wool or felt material, but instead of filling the bags with beans, fill them with ceramic pie weights. To use these toasty treasures, simply microwave them for a couple of minutes and then slip them into your pockets.

(Submitted by admin on Fri, 12/12/2008)

Family Book

Write a chapter of your family history each year. Pick a topic and have each family member write about it. One person plays 'editor', collecting the stories, and presents them all together for Christmas. Examples: favorite Christmas (multiple differing perspectives on the same year), the house you grew up in, and how you met your spouse.

(Submitted by admin on Fri, 12/12/2008)

Mix CDs

Create a mix CD especially for someone with the kind of music and the artists that the person likes. You can even choose songs that have special, meaningful lyrics too. Decorate the CD with different colors of sharpies.

(Submitted by girlinthemirror on Mon, 12/15/2008)



{Re}New Orleans

Give one less gift this Christmas and donate that money towards renewing New Orleans through the ministries of Urban Impact and Castle Rock Church. These ministries are busting at the seams and are in desperate need of more facility space. Would you prayerfully consider joining this year's Advent Conspiracy campaign? Rather than spending funds on extravagant gifts that won't last, let's invest in a ministry that meets the real needs, spiritual and physical, of a needy city. *Check out: <http://www.urbanimpact.org/>*

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