

Family Fun Night

The Christmas season can come and go before we know it. Have a family fun night to be intentional about celebrating this season, and build a few memories along the way. If you're following along with the Parent Cue app or our monthly curriculum, each activity is centered around this month's Life App (value).

Simply Christmas

Supplies

- paper or notecards
- colored pencils or markers
- Bible or Bible app

Activities

If you don't have time to complete each activity in a single night, spread them out over a weekend, or do them throughout the month. Or just choose one. Whatever works best for your family.

Have everyone suggest a new family Christmas tradition.

If you have little ones, have them draw their suggestion using colored pencils or crayons. Choose a few nights this month to try some new traditions. If you need ideas, check out global traditions around the world—Pinterest is a great resource!

Make homemade Christmas cards and hand deliver them.

You could even drop some off at a nursing home or a shelter. Consider making some for your trash service crew, your kid's bus driver, your local fire department, or for those mail and package delivery folks who will likely be making more stops than ever this Christmas season!

Draw names as a family. Set the spending limit to under \$5. Head out to the local discount store and set a timer to shop. See who can be the most creative with their time and money!

Make a Christmas playlist. Everybody gets to choose a song. Then have a family dance party—make some cookies or a "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake!

Have a family slumber party—tents and forts and all, inside or outside! Even if you don't make it through the night sleeping outside, you could always bring the party indoors and bunk together in the family room. And don't forget the popcorn.

Read parts of the Christmas story aloud (Luke 1:26–2:21) a few nights a week. Bonus if you assign roles and act the story out! If you have little ones, try reading a Christmas book. We recommend *The Christmas Story* by Autumn Ward. (You can get it at parentcuestore.org.)

Find a way to connect with a family who is hurting or in need. Like most things in 2020, this Christmas will look very different for many families. Jobs have been lost, family members have been sick, people won't be able to travel to see loved ones. A simple basket filled with discount store goodies, a gift card for a meal out, or a family FaceTime call are easy ways to encourage a family. Find a way to be a reason someone finds joy this Christmas season.

