

Bringing Christ Into Gift-Giving

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Looking for some witnessing opportunities as you fa la la this year? Here are some ideas to help!

1. Create your own Christmas gift tags using stencils or stamp pads with a Christian theme. Gift tags can be transformed into works of art with small touches of ribbon, yarn, or beadwork. As an extra touch, let your gift tags double as bookmarks, with the design on one side (including a Scripture verse), and the "To/From" on the other side.
2. Make drawer sachets using scented potpourri stuffed in sewn fabric pockets, or in purchased pouches. Attach a gift card on the sachet with 2 Corinthians 2:15 ("For we are to God the fragrance of Christ...").
3. Support missions through your gifts by purchasing presents from World Crafts Village. WCV enables men and women in poverty-stricken areas worldwide to sell their handcrafts in order to have funds to feed their families. (Visit www.worldcraftsvillage.com for product information.) Cut and paste information about the country and its spiritual needs from the website or catalog, and include this information in the package for the gift recipient to pray for the people of that country.
4. As a family, talk about the importance of giving to and sharing with others who are in need. Because most ministries suffer in the months between major holidays, calendar at least two times NOT centered around a holiday during the year that your family will be on mission to help others and share Christ.