

Advent Countdown: Stories & Simple Activities

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December 1st

Celebrate Christmas: With Carols, Presents and Peace by Deborah Heiligman

Set up our Advent Garden.



December 2nd

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Watch The Polar Express and drink hot chocolate!



December 3rd

The Light of Christmas by Richard Paul Evans

Make beeswax candles for Advent Garden.



December 4th

An Early American Christmas by Tomie dePaola

Nature walk: gather twigs and other natural craft materials.



December 5th

Angelina's Christmas by Katharine Holabird

Take an evening stroll around neighborhood - deliver holiday cards.



December 6th

Santa's Favorite Story by Hisako Aoki

Saint Nicholas Teatime: mulled cider and speculaas cookies.



December 7th

Song of the Stars by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Make twig stars and other natural-material ornaments.



December 8th

Night Tree by Eve Bunting

Go to The Farm and get our Christmas Tree!



December 9th

Country Angel Christmas by Tomie dePaola

Cookie Baking Day with Nana!



December 10th

The Animals' Santa by Jan Brett

Decorate a Solstice Tree for the backyard Animals.



December 11th

The Golden Christmas Tree by Jan Wahl

Make golden glitter tree ornaments.



December 12th

The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola

Visit the Nursery to see poinsettias. Make cinnamon-sugar tortilla stars with fresh pineapple-mint salsa. Tacos for supper!



December 13th

Gingerbread Friends by Jan Brett

Bake and decorate gingerbread folk.



December 14th

My Wonderful Christmas Tree by Dahlov Ipcar

Write and perform a Woodland Christmas puppet show.



December 15th

Christmas Farm by Mary Lyn Ray

Take a nighttime Christmas lights drive.



December 16th

A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree by Colleen Monroe

Watch the bird garden at sunrise while sipping hot cocoa.



December 17th

The Christmas Bird by Bernadette Watts

Set up our children's creche.



December 18th

The Christmas Cat by Efner Tudor Holmes

Make moon ornaments for Solstice Tree; watch moonrise tonight.



December 19th

Corgiville Christmas by Tasha Tudor

Bonfire night! Make magic pinecones to burn in fire.



December 20th

Pussycat's Christmas by Margaret Wise Brown

Make homemade gift wrap.



December 21st

Bear Noel by Olivier Dunrea

Family Solstice Supper with hot wassail, cottage pie and sun cake.



December 22nd

The Friendly Beasts: An Old English Christmas Carol by Tomie dePaola

Go caroling!



December 23rd

Christmas in the Stable by Astrid Lindgren

Visit an outdoor nativity scene at night.



December 24th

The Night Before Christmas illustrated by Douglas Gorsline

There will be new pajamas and slippers and steamed almond milk before bed!