



A Meaningful Christmas Countdown

Ideas for Daily Activities

Here are a variety of ideas to use for your Christmas countdown cards. You can get creative and come up with your own, but these provide a good start!

1. set up a nativity to play with
2. purchase dog and cat food and treats, drop off at your local animal shelter
3. collect non-perishable food items and donate to the food bank
4. make Christmas cards and/or bake nativity-shaped cookies for neighbours
5. leave Christmas surprise baskets on neighbours' doorsteps (candy canes, an ornament, a can of cranberry sauce, chocolates, etc.)
6. light a candle on your advent wreath
7. make Christmas cards for family members
8. buy a toy and donate to Santa's Anonymous
9. fill a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse
10. build a snowman
11. go sledding
12. go carolling
13. collect mitts, scarves, and toques for the homeless
14. deliver red and white carnations to residents at a local senior's centre
15. write a letter to Jesus
16. write a Christmas card and draw a picture for your foster child (if you have one and if you don't, why not get one)
17. gather clothes and toys to donate to charity
18. organize a hot cocoa stand and donate all proceeds to a charitable cause

19. assemble baby care kits (diapers, wipes, swaddle blanket, bum cream, etc.) and drop off at local family shelter
20. make a blanket and donate to homeless shelters (I love the fringed fleece blanket on the projectlinus.org website)
21. make bookmarks and leave them at the local library
22. decorate the house
23. make gingerbread houses
24. make nativity puppets
25. adopt a family in need and provide gifts and food for them for the holiday season
26. assemble some blessing bags for homeless people (socks, gum, handwarmers, bus tickets, almonds, a wash cloth, hand cream, a travel toothbrush with toothpaste, lip balm, tissues, hand wipes, granola bars, coffee gift card, etc.)
27. collect bottles and donate money to a charitable cause
28. make a snowman
29. bring Christmas cookies and a card to local community workers (library, fire hall, police station, etc.)
30. assemble care bags (shampoo, toothbrush, coffee card, socks, maxi pads, bus tickets, mitts, etc.) for a teen/youth center
31. make an ornament for your mail carrier
32. pray for the featured country of the day at operationworld.org
33. shovel a neighbour's sidewalk
34. make ornaments for a tree at a local senior's home
35. donate books to a local library
36. decorate the home of a sick or less mobile neighbour or family member
37. hand out water bottles (with Christmas greetings on them) to joggers
38. leave Christmas greetings/cards on park benches and at bus stops
39. donate crayons and colouring books to a local children's hospital
40. assemble and donate snack packages to local Ronald McDonald House residents
41. help deliver Christmas hampers or food for Meals on Wheels
42. pick an item from the compassion.ca/shop gift guide and purchase it
43. decorate a hospital or a seniors' residence
44. host a [Sole Hope party](#) and assemble shoes for people in need
45. collect and donate unused board games to a youth shelter