

- Bake cookies for your neighbors and deliver them personally. Use that as a time to ask if you can pray for them or if there is anything you can help them with this Christmas season.
- Write a note expressing how much a friend or family member means to you and surprise them with it.
- Prepare a goody bag (either homemade or store bought) and leave it at the front door of your neighbor.
- Give a “giving” gift through Samaritan’s Purse, Heifer International or another nonprofit.
- Write a letter to yourself expressing how you saw God’s abiding presence get you through this year, place it in a sealed envelope and place it in a place you will not miss it next year. Then read it at Christmas time next year.
- Find a local nursing home or other venue where you can give Christmas cards.
- Host a Christmas Movie Night and invite people over to watch Christmas movies with snacks – and talk about the real meaning of Christmas.
- Parents and students, write thank you notes to your teachers.
- Call grandparents or parents (even your own kids) and tell them that you love them.
- Go to the public library and pay overdue fees for five people and while there, put dollar bills in some of your favorite books.
- Count your blessings and write them down.
- Tape microwave popcorn to a Redbox machine.
- Put a candy cane on 10 cars in your neighborhood.
- Watch a Christmas play. Whether it’s the Nativity story or an allegory such as “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” a stage performance brings a story to life like no movie can.
- Imitate the wise men. Buy only three presents for each child in remembrance of the Magi’s gifts to the Christ child. These presents don’t need to be expensive in order to be meaningful.

