10 December Activities for Catholic Families

If there is one within traveling distance, visit a Living Nativity. If this is not possible, set up your family's Nativity scene and have a discussion about what the sights, sounds, and even smells may have been.

Pray for missionaries all over the world who are spreading God's Word. Optional: To extend this activity, see what your family can do to help those doing a mission. (St. Francis Xavier's Feast Day is Dec 3rd.)

Brainstorm with your family things you can do to live more like the Holy Family. Plan to do at least one by the following week. (Feast of the Holy Family - 1st Sunday after Christmas)

Fill your children's shoes with small gifts or wrapped candies while they're asleep to celebrate St. Nicholas' feast day. (Dec 6th)

Try one of these fun, hands on Nativity themed activities:

http://bit.ly/HandsOnNativity

Choose an activity that will help babies, such as donating to a crisis pregnancy center, praying for babies in danger, or even just spending time with a special baby in your lives. (Feast of the Holy Innocents is Dec 28th)

Wait to add Jesus to your Nativity scene until Christmas



Have a Mexican themed dinner with roses* as decorations to celebrate the feast days of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego (Dec. 12th / Dec. 9th)

Attend Mass on Christmas Day (Dec 25th) and Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th) - Both are Holy Days of Obligation

Plan to give a gift (or three!) to Jesus this year to celebrate His birthday. Jesus taught us that when we help those in need, we are helping Him. Find a way to give a Christmas gift to someone who is particularly in need this year.

*If you want to skip real roses, try this paper rose cutout craft:
http://www.hsclassroom.net/super-easy-valentines-paper-rose-cutout/

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