

HOMESCHOOLING TODAY PRESENTS:

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HOLI DAY Season PLANNER

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Encouragement & Practical Help **Today.**

2023

Holiday Season Planner

Holiday Planning Questions

What do we as a family want our holidays to look like?

What can we do or *not* do in order to make that happen?

What type of gifts can we give to one another and others that will truly help, inspire, or refresh them? How can we be intentional in our gift giving?

What is our budget for our holiday celebrations? Think through what you can truly afford, whether you will be cooking all of the meal(s) or contributing to one, travel expenses, and any other cost associated with your personal holidays.

Notes

Family Holiday Bucket List

Brainstorm ideas of what you as a family want to do this holiday season. Be sure to add both big and small things!

Ideas

- Bake cookies together to take to neighbors
- Have another family over for holiday themed group games
- Serve somewhere in the community
- Make Christmas cards
- Have a Christmas movie marathon day
- Sing carols with a group of friends around the neighborhood
- Read an advent devotional each night
- Go on a winter nature walk

Have each member of the family choose one thing from the list that is their top priority (parent approved, of course). Write those down below.

Our Family Holiday Bucket List

Write your finalized bucket list below and then hang it somewhere the whole family can see. Check off each item as you do it. Note: *Be sure to schedule activities in your planner to make sure they happen!*

2023 Holidays At a Glance

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					Dec 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>					
31	Jan 1					
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>					

Weekly Planner

Schedule for the week of _____

MON

TUES

WED

THUR

FRI

SAT

SUN

Menu

SUN

MON

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To do this week

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Daily Planner

Date / /

Today I'm thankful for...

To-do list

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
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- ☐ _____
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Priorities

Important notes

Appointments

Menu

Gift Giving Questions

For each family member, consider the following questions as you plan your gift giving this season. Be sure to think about gifts that don't necessarily cost any money, too!

Name of person: _____

What does this person get really excited about doing?

What skill has this person talked about wanting to develop?

What does this person enjoy doing? Does he or she have a hobby they either do now or want to start doing?

Does this person have a specific need that a gift could help meet?

How much money do we plan on spending on this person?

Gift Ideas

Gift Giving Ideas for Others

Brainstorm ideas of gifts you can give to others—whether it's to an individual or for an entire family. Really consider the family or person you are buying for by thinking about their personalities, what they enjoy doing, what they like, or what might meet a need.

Family Gift Ideas to Get You Started

- **Movie Night.** Fill a box or basket with bottled sodas, movie style candy, bags of popcorn, and a family movie DVD. If you know the other family has a streaming service, you could make a list of your favorite family movies available on it so they have ideas for their movie nights.
- **Meal Kits.** Freezer meals can make a great gift for others. As a family, you can spend a morning or day together shopping and putting them together. This is such a helpful gift for friends and family that need the help—families where both parents work, busy moms with a house full of littles, older family members or friends, those who are going through a difficult time or dealing with a long illness.
- **Knitted, Crocheted or Sewn Projects.** Learning to knit or crochet or sew can be a family affair—something you can enjoy doing together as you sit around the living room. And what better way to use your skills than to make gifts for others? There are even organizations and ministries that give handmade gifts—check out [Project Linus](#), [Crochet for Cancer](#), [The Sewing & Crafting Team for Soldiers' Angels](#), [Warm Up America](#), [Snuggles Project](#), and [The Magic Yarn Project](#) are just a few!

Our Ideas

Possible Gifts for Our Family

Have you ever considered getting a gift for your whole family in addition to—or instead of—the individuals in it? Here are some questions and ideas to think through if this appeals to you.

What are some things we love to do together? How can we make that happen this year?

Is there a project we'd like to take on together this year? A home improvement project? Starting a family business? What would be something we could get or do to get started?

Is there a subscription or membership that we would all enjoy investing in for this year?

What things could help us have regular family nights throughout the year? More family games? A new streaming service? Homemade pizza making supplies?

What is our budget for a family gift?

Our Family Gift Ideas

Our Homeschool

The deals you can find on Black Friday & Cyber Monday are a great way to save money and invest in your homeschool.

What do we love about our homeschool? What do we wish we could change in the coming year?

What are some things we've wanted to study? Be sure to ask each child specifically as well!

What resources (like books, science supplies, art supplies) would we like to add to our collection?

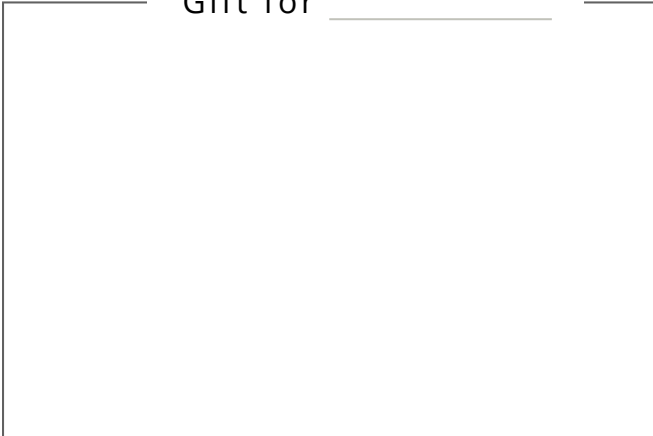
What is our budget for resources, books, curriculum, and outside activities?

For Our Homeschool

Shopping Lists

Shopping lists can be for your family, your homeschool, individuals, or other families. Remember, you don't actually have to buy anything—but if you do need to, this is the place to plan!

_____ Gift for _____



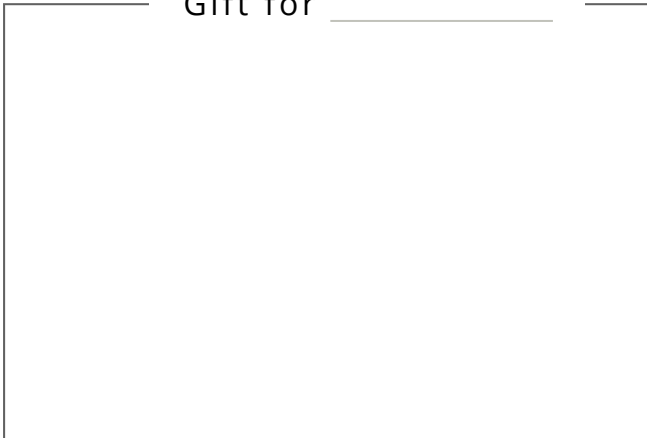
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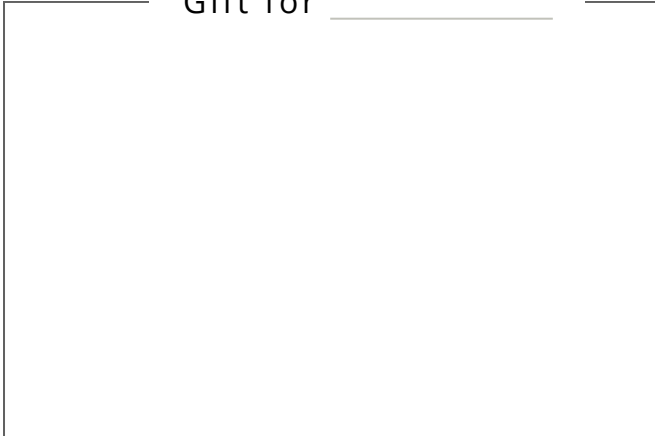
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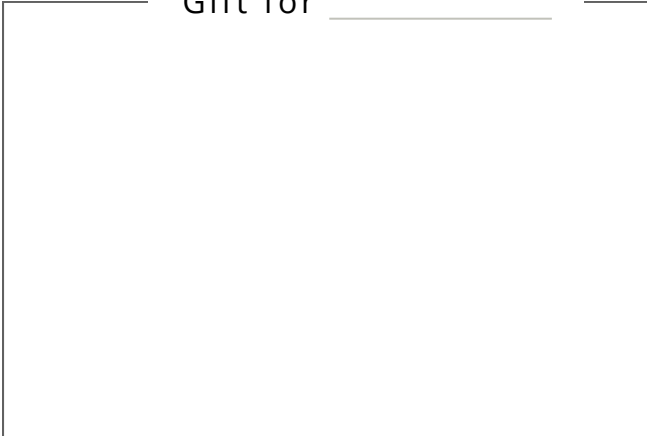
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Sales

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Holiday Meal Planning

Do we want to do a traditional meal or a themed one? Will we have people over or will it just be our immediate family? Instead of making an entire meal, will we be making a dish to take to a potluck instead? (Check out our collection of easy holiday dishes from around the web on the next page!)

What are our "don't miss" holiday baked goods or dishes?

Holiday Baking

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Day



Easy Holiday Dishes from Around the Web

Here's a collection of easy holiday dishes. Just click on the recipe name to go straight to the recipe!

Make Ahead Breakfasts

- [Sausage Egg Hash Brown Casserole](#)
- [Sausage Breakfast Casserole](#)
- [Baked French Toast](#)
- [Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Muffins](#)
- [Cranberry-Orange Muffins](#)
- [Bulk Batch Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins](#)
- [How to Freeze Muffins \(& a collection of recipes!\)](#)

Main Dishes

- [Cheesy Chicken & Stuffing Bake](#)
- [Slow Cooker Ham for the Holidays](#)
- [Ham and Cheese Hawaiian Roll Sliders](#)
- [Trisha's Chicken Tortilla Soup](#)

Side Dishes

- [Slow Cooker Cranberry Sweet Potatoes](#)
- [Classic Cranberry Sauce](#)
- [Air Fryer Garlic Roasted Green Beans](#)
- [Easy Roasted Winter Vegetables](#)

Desserts

- [25 Christmas Cookies to Make Ahead & Freeze](#)
- [Classic Pumpkin Pie](#)
- [Cranberry Apple Crisp](#)

Holiday Baking Plan

What we want to make/where the recipe is:

Shopping list

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Make ahead

Notes

Christmas Eve Meal Plan

What we want to make/where the recipe is:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Shopping list

Make ahead

When to start prepping/cooking each item

Christmas Day Meal Plan

What we want to make/where the recipe is:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Shopping list

Make ahead

When to start prepping/cooking each item

New Year's Day Meal Plan

What we want to make/where the recipe is:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Shopping list

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When to start prepping/cooking each item