



# 15 HEARTFELT WAYS TO GIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS THIS YEAR

## 1. Themed Gift Exchanges

Put a fun twist on your traditional gift exchange by picking a creative theme. It adds surprise and helps everyone stay within a budget while keeping things lighthearted.

### Theme Ideas:

- “Cozy Christmas” – blankets, mugs, candles, or cocoa
- “Something that starts with the first letter of your name”
- “Handmade Only”
- “Books & Beverages” – a favorite book paired with tea or cocoa

## 2. Experience-Based Giving

Sometimes the best gifts aren’t things – they’re memories. Instead of another sweater or gadget, gift experiences that will be remembered long after the decorations are packed away.

### Examples:

- Concert, movie, or event tickets
- A spa day certificate or coffee date card
- A “time together” coupon book
- Family membership to a local zoo or museum

### **3. Acts of Kindness Gifting**

Give gifts that bless others with your time and heart.

These gifts cost little but mean the most!

#### **Ideas:**

- Create a “Blessing Jar” filled with uplifting notes
- Bake cookies or meals for neighbors or first responders
- Volunteer together as a family
- Offer “service coupons” – babysitting, cleaning, pet sitting, etc.

### **4. Gift Basket Bundles**

Who doesn’t love a basket full of themed goodies?

Combine small, affordable items into a thoughtful bundle that fits the recipient’s interests.

#### **Gift Basket Ideas:**

- Movie Night: popcorn, candy, fuzzy socks, and cocoa
- Baker’s Basket: cookie mix, spatula, measuring spoons
- Pet Lover’s Box: treats, toy, personalized ornament
- Morning Joy: coffee, mug, scripture card, and breakfast mix

### **5. Secret Giving or “Reverse Advent”**

Add mystery and joy to the season with anonymous or ongoing giving.

## Ideas:

- Secret Santa: secretly give small gifts leading up to Christmas
- Reverse Advent Box: add one donation item per day until Christmas Eve
- 12 Days of Christmas: give one themed item each day to bless a friend or family member
- Photo Idea: Wrapped gifts with numbered tags for the 12 days of Christmas.)

## 6. The “Something” Gift Tradition

Give four meaningful gifts:

- Something they want
- Something they need
- Something to wear
- Something to read
- Add a fifth: “Something to share” – like a board game or craft kit!

## 7. DIY or Handmade Gifts

Personal touches make the best presents!

## Ideas:

- Candles or bath salts
- Homemade baked goods
- Handcrafted ornaments or cards
- Knitted scarves or potholders

## **8. The Family Book Swap**

Each family member wraps a favorite book with a note about why they love it. Everyone unwraps and trades – a cozy way to bond and share new stories!

## **9. Memory Box Gifts**

Fill a box with memories and notes – Perfect for parents, kids, or best friends!

### **Include:**

- Photos, letters, or keepsakes
- “My favorite memory with you” prompts

## **10. Foodie or Recipe Jar Gifts**

Give a delicious touch!

### **Ideas:**

- Cookie or cocoa mix in jars
- Homemade pancake or soup kits
- Printable recipe card tied with twine
- My 30-Day Dinner Plan printable + whisk and ribbon!

## **11. Charity or “In Their Honor” Gifts**

Gift kindness in someone’s name and write a card explaining the donation.

**Ideas:**

Donate to a cause they love

Sponsor a family or plant a tree

## **12. Gift of Gratitude Letters**

Write heartfelt letters of appreciation. Pair each note with a simple gift – like a candle, ornament, or bookmark. A personal way to touch hearts this season!

## **13. Christmas Morning Treasure Hunt**

Turn Christmas morning into an adventure! Hide small gifts or clues around the house leading to the main present. Perfect for kids – or playful adults!

## **14. Photo or Memory Calendar**

Create a photo calendar filled with family pictures or scriptures. Add birthdays, quotes, and meaningful dates – a gift that keeps giving all year!

## **15. Subscription or “Year of Gifts”**

Keep the giving going all year long!

**Ideas:**

- Monthly coffee or snack
- Monthly book box
- 12-month “Family Fun” or “Date Night” coupon bundle
- Digital subscriptions like a meal plan, devotional, or streaming service