

# The 5 Homeschools of Christmas

## Ever Wonder What Homeschoolers do in December?

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* (John 14:27) December can be a busy month, indeed! Especially for mothers who take on the extra challenge of personally educating their children. However, December, and the Christmas holiday itself, also offers a time to change things up a bit, offering relief from stressful to-do lists, long study hours, and broken mothers! This is a special time where many homeschool families capitalize, not on material goods or financial gain, but on relational gain. They do this by slowing the pace, pausing non-essential lessons, and creating routines that inspire and build bonds.

If you would like to learn how to build relationships rather than toy chests this December, take a look below at the 5 Homeschools of Christmas! And find the Peace, Joy, Love, and Hope Jesus offers.

## 1. The Crafting Homeschool of Christmas

Our first homeschool offers lots of creative activity. This can provide the inspiration and joyful together time so many of us lack during our stressful spending sprees. Instead of purchasing over-priced goodies that might simply lie unappreciated in a dark cabinet as soon as the package-opening is complete, many homeschoolers create homemade goodies for friends and loved ones. This can range from skilled specialty items liked knitted winter accessories and blankets to the more simple crafts like ornaments and decorative accents for the home. And let’s not forget the traditional Christmas baking! If you are in need of some great craft ideas, you can visit [A Well Purposed Woman](#) to gather ideas and inspiration well-suited to the season.



*Jesse Tree, by [A Well Purposed Woman](#)  
[How to Make DIY Jesse Tree Ornaments](#)*

## 2. The Reading Homeschool of Christmas



Our second homeschool takes a break from activity and finds simplicity and pleasure in reading old familiar Christmas books, and some new ones too. This can look like a family read-aloud with hot chocolate (or café lattes) and warm blankets, or it can be finding a quiet corner and enjoying the silence of an undisturbed, solitary read. Either way, everyone will find moments to share their favorite characters and scenes with family.

[A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens](#), is always the first choice for a family read-aloud (pictured at left if you didn't recognize the scene). But there are other great choices. If you find yourself in the mood for a deeper hook, try a lesser-known book by Dickens titled, "[The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain](#)". Here is a curated list of Seasonal reads from [Ambleside Online](#).

## 3. The Serving Homeschool of Christmas



Third on our list is the Serving Homeschool. What better way to spread peace, joy, and love than by serving others, especially those who might otherwise be forgotten. Every day can afford the opportunity to serve, but Christmas is often a time of extra need for loving hands out in the community and world abroad. As a homeschool family, we have personally attended senior nursing facilities to sing carols, deliver small gifts, and just spend time

with our society's sometimes most neglected segment, our elderly. In addition to senior facilities, there is ample opportunity for service with the poor in our own

communities as well as offering extra supplies for food banks and holiday food and clothing drives.

[Operation Christmas Child](#), hosted by Samaritan's Purse, is another program homeschool families love taking part in. This offers shoe box style Christmas gifts along with the Word of Jesus to underserved children around the world. Click the link above to watch a video showcasing how to prepare a box with your family.

## 4. The Advent Homeschool of Christmas

One of the best ways to find peace, joy, and love in this season is to recognize the One for Whom we celebrate, Jesus Christ. Without Him, we would not have Christmas. Diving into His story, we not only find peace, joy, and love, we will inevitably find Hope. And Hope can sooth the most anxious of hearts.



There are so many ways in which to practice Advent, such as communal celebrations at church or through quiet and solitary moments at home. Many homeschool families choose to solidify the character of Christ within their children's hearts through reading His birth and ministry story directly from the Bible. Some families participate in the lighting of Advent candles, making special dinners, or creating a Jesse Tree (see *The Crafting Homeschool of Christmas* above).

However, if you're craving Advent with a homeschool penchant, [Morning Time for Moms' From Darkness to Light](#) provides an entire program, including famous artworks, Christmas carols, poetry, books and short story selections, a 15 day schedule with a Lessons and Carols Finale, and a whole online community to bring it all together.

## 5. The Restful Homeschool of Christmas

Perhaps my favorite of our five December homeschools is The Restful Homeschool of Christmas. This is the one where you just sit and watch the snow fall. Where you sleep in. Or get up early to spend time alone in the quiet. Where you get to ponder and remember who you are and Who you belong to. This is the one where you get to simply appreciate the Gift of Christmas.

## In Conclusion

Of course, there is always time for baking cookies, drinking hot chocolate (and lattes), singing our favorite Christmas carols, and praising our Savior. And if you can't pick just one Christmas Homeschool, feel free to mix and match or try a sampling from each. Whichever one you decide on for your family, do it with gusto! For it is a celebration of Hope.

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a **hope**.” (Jeremiah 29:11)*

Which homeschool is your favorite? Do you have your own Christmas Homeschool or just a special tradition you'd like to share? Tell us all about it in the comments. Merry Christmas!

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