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THE BOX
THIS CHRISTMAS

10 MAGICAL WAYS TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL THIS YEAR!

Christmas Day is a perfect time for making lifelong memories with your children far beyond just gifts. Here are some fun out of the box ideas to use this year to make the day extra special!

1) CREATE A NEW TRADITION TOGETHER

It's great if you already have traditions from the past in your family! However, what new traditions could you create for your children, or what could you try that's completely new? Who knows, it might just become an annual favorite.

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2) TAKE A CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY PHOTO

A great way to look back on each family Christmas is to get a morning snapshot of everyone in their jammies, crazy hair and all. You'll love having these for years to come.

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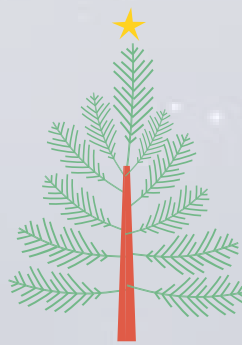
3) WATCH A HOLIDAY CLASSIC TOGETHER

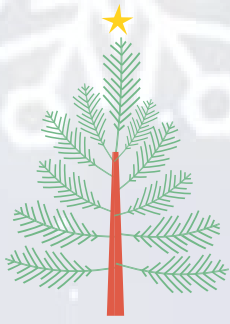
You no doubt have some favorite Christmas movies from your childhood, or even some from more recently. Spend some time introducing (or re-introducing) them to your children.

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4) HIDE THAT 'SPECIAL SOMETHING' EACH YEAR

Regardless of what you call it and what you use, hiding something special to find on Christmas morning can be a ton of fun. Whether you do it just for bragging rights, or give away a special prize, this could easily become an annual favorite.





5) BREAK OUT THE FAMILY PHOTO ALBUMS

How many photos do you think you have on all of your devices from the last decade? Hundreds? Maybe thousands?? And when's the last time you've actually looked through them? Grab that laptop or flash drive, and start letting the good times roll.



6) GO FOR A CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FAMILY DRIVE

In addition to finding the best lights in town, make it an event with yummy treats and hot chocolate for the ride. Maybe vote as a family on the very best, then go up to that house to inform the homeowners. They'll be pleasantly surprised.



7) CREATE PAPER SNOWFLAKES

Kids love making paper snowflakes. You are limited only by your imagination. Make it a contest, or better yet, use the remaining paper to have an indoor family snowball fight. Yes! No mess!



8) ROAST SMORE'S OVER THE STOVE OR FIREPLACE

Who said smore's can only be made over a campfire? Don't let the outdoor cold keep you or your tastebuds from having some indoor fun. Try substituting other kinds of chocolaty treats too.



9) DELIVER HOMEMADE GOODIES TO SOMEONE UNEXPECTED

It might be your neighbor, a local cashier, or your on-duty first responders. Everyone enjoys receiving some love on Christmas day, and nothing speaks love like homemade goodies.



10) CUDDLE, RELAX, AND ENJOY SOME HOT COCOA

Make sure you have some marshmallows, and maybe some other special ingredients to personalize it (peppermint, cookies for dunking, etc.) Sit, Sip, and Savor the time together.

