

RELATIONAL GIFT IDEAS

Looking for ideas on how to **Give More** relationally this Christmas? Here are some **Advent Conspiracy** gift ideas to help get you started.

Spend Time Together

- Host a dinner party. Have everyone bring a prayer request to share with the group. Spend time encouraging and praying for the people God has put in your life.
- Create together. Do a puzzle, paint a picture, bake cookies, build a fort, write a song, make jewelry, garden, take photos.
- Be present. Make it a habit to have one technology-free night. Turn off the distractions and spend quality time together.
- Buy a devotional for you and a friend. Get together and talk about what you're learning from God.
- Do an activity. Go for a hike and look at creation. Go see a concert or play.
- Read the **Advent Conspiracy book** with a friend and swap ideas for new Christmas traditions.

Purchase with a Purpose

- Research **Fair Trade** companies and purchase Fair Trade certified goods.
- Shop local. Buy from local boutiques and artisans. Get to know the local business owners in your city.
- Find companies that give back.
- If you're shopping online, set up an **AmazonSmile** account. A portion of your purchase will go towards different charity organizations.

Serve Someone

- Partner with a Christian non-profit organization and change a life. (ex: [World Vision](#), [Living Water International](#), [International Justice Mission](#), [Hope International](#))
- Make a helping-hands coupon book. Give your family vouchers to babysit, help with yardwork, do the dishes, fold laundry, clean the kitchen, walk the dog.
- Host a serving day. Have friends and family get together and work on a project or volunteer at a local organization. You'll be spending time together and serving someone in need.
- Care for the widows in your church. Take someone out to lunch after a church service and get to know their story.
- Volunteer at church as a family or small group. Christmas is often a very busy time for churches and their serving teams. Look for ways to help out during this season.
- Organize and clean out your friend's pantry.
- Bake cookies and make a thank you card for someone who regularly serves your community. People like police officers, first responders, post office workers, doctors and nurses.
- Pay for a date night or babysit for a couple with young kids.

Celebrate Memories

- Skip the traditional Christmas presents and instead plan a family vacation.
- Try something new. Cooking classes, music lessons, rock climbing, painting.
- Make a list of local restaurants, parks, and activities you want to explore. Grab a friend and see how many you can experience together in the next year.
- Hire a photographer to take family photos for one of your friends.
- Put together a cookbook of your favorite recipes that you can share with everyone in your family.

- Make a scrapbook or photo album for your grandparents.
- Over the next year, write 52 notes and share them with someone special next Christmas.
- Put together a family night basket. Wrap up some popcorn, candy, gift cards, and board games.

Make it Personal

- Pray for everyone on your Christmas list before purchasing anything. Remember what a gift they are.
- Find presents that celebrate the hobbies and passions of someone else.
- Remember it's not about the number of gifts you give. It's about celebrating your relationship and giving thanks to God for that person.