

1 10¢ for every hot water tap in your home.	2 75¢ for every vehicle your family owns.	3 5¢ for every pair of jeans you own.	4 25¢ if you get a daily newspaper.
5 5¢ for every bed in your house.	6 3¢ for every cosmetic item you own.	7 3¢ for every pair of footwear.	8 3¢ for every light switch in your home.
9 20¢ for every bathtub or shower.	10 10¢ for every flush toilet in your home.	11 2¢ for every soap bar or dispenser.	12 15¢ if you have dishes for food.
13 15¢ if you have pots and pans.	14 5¢ for every window in your home.	15 10¢ for every outside door you have.	16 20¢ for every television you own.
17 5¢ for every magazine subscription.	18 25¢ if you have more than 25 CDs/DVDs.	19 5¢ for every meal with meat this week.	20 10¢ for every non-water drink this week.
21 25¢ if you have a snow blower or lawn mower.	22 3¢ for every item of hair care products.	23 15¢ for every bedroom in your house.	24 5¢ for every blanket in your house.



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ADVENT FOR ORPHANS

it takes around \$35 to provide a month of care for an orphan.

is that easier to do than we think it is?
unplug from an ordinary Christmas and let your household give the gift of life.

25
15¢ for every present you received.



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 GIVING CALENDAR

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It seems like somewhere over the years we got distracted from what Christmas is all about.

That doesn't mean the festive stuff we usually do every year is bad, but at times it can fall short and distract us from what really matters... God gave us a relational gift, and yet we settle for material ones.

So let's unplug from all of that and begin to journey in a raw way toward celebrating Jesus and His Way.

Maybe the best way to do that is to draw near to real needs in our relationships, region, and world. It could mean we buy one less gift in order to be a gift... or it could mean we stop overspending to support healthier things.

Giving of ourselves sacrificially follows in the example of Jesus... and somehow it reveals Him, too.

Relational Giving

Some ideas below, but the goal is to give gifts that are less about spending money and more about deepening relationships.

- Make a "soundtrack" of music that you think sums up the life of a friend.
- Give someone a baseball bat for trips to the batting cages together.
- Give maps of nearby states to those you want to do a road trip with.
- Prepare a monthly dinner with regular traditions for a group of people.
- Buy two copies of a classic book and read it with a friend.
- Host football nights with your friends and make homemade pizzas
- Create a house-project coupon to help your friend build that tool shed
- Give a babysitting coupon for those parents who could use a night out
- Record an interview with grandparents and give it to the family.

Adopt A Family

We care about those in our community who are under-resourced to celebrate Christmas in their household.

This is real easy... people should not feel unable to celebrate the birth of Jesus as a household. Often life slams us and a sense of negativity keeps a household held back from exploring the gift of Christ. This is why we're collecting names of families in need, including those inside and outside our church. Upon receiving this info, we'll put the info up on a Christmas tree in our gathering space for you to step in and become a part of this outreach.

Final details will be handled before disbursement by our coordinator, but people are encouraged to take part in as much as possible (including bringing a hot meal to the family in need).

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Rather than forgetting about what's happening on the other side of the globe, we're embracing the privilege to take care of orphans via "Samaritan's Purse" (a global ministry that takes care of all kinds of practical needs globally).

Our *Advent For Orphans* calendar allows you to follow the instructions for that day, and then keep track of the running amount of loose change collected. The weekend after Christmas (or when you can), bring your change in and we will sponsor care for kids by the month.

This is a great way to bond with your family over the real meaning of Christmas. God came near to meet us in our brokenness, and we can do the same and model it to our kids.