

RELATIONAL GIFT IDEAS

IDEAS FOR HOW TO GIVE MORE RELATIONALLY THIS CHRISTMAS!



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.
- Buy a devotional for you and a friend. Get together and talk about what you're learning from God.
- Be present. Make it a habit to have one technology-free night. Turn off the distractions and spend quality time together.



PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE

- Shop the handmade products at Rebirth Homes' Freedom Shop, where every purchase supports survivors of human trafficking. (rebirthhomes.com)
- Shop local. Buy from local boutiques and artisans. Get to know the local business owners in your city.
- Research Fair Trade companies and purchase Fair Trade certified goods. Find companies that give back (some examples: PuraVida, Love Your Melon, Out of Print, Sseko, Good Spread, Cuddle+Kind, Sackcloth and Ashes, Diff Eyeware, Hiptipico, fashionABLE, Conscious Step, FEED, Two Blind Brothers, WeWood, Land of A Thousand Hills Coffee, House of Light Goods, Bombas, Headbands of Hope, SoapBox, Roma, Alex and Ani, C3 Wine Co, Red Letter Christians, Hand in Hand Soaps, Noonday Collection, Issara Leather, Yellow Leaf Hammocks, Tegu Wooden Blocks)



SHARE YOUR TALENTS

- Celebrate the talents that God has given you and share those with others. Throw a dinner party, take photos, knit a quilt, play music, write a children's story, plan an adventure, organize and clean, sculpt and paint, etc.



SERVE SOMEONE

- Partner with a Christian non-profit organization and change a life. (for a list of our local and global partners, check out: crestcommunitychurch.org/about-us/our-partners)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Organize and clean out your friend's pantry.
- 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 scrapbook or photo album for your grandparents.
- Hire a photographer to take family photos for one of your friends.
- 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.