

Home Educator Express



Hello, THSC Friend,

🎄 Can you believe it's 11 days until Christmas Eve?!

📅 Remember that it's okay to take a break during this season of parties, concerts, Christmas lights to see, and all the other activities that pop up.

❄️ It is always easier to quickly catch up on a later date when everyone is "on" for the school day than to wrangle excited kids into a school day schedule when everyone is overly excited about an upcoming event or stressed due to schedule changes.

🧑‍🎄 You can also incorporate holiday celebrations into your schoolwork! All subjects can easily be made Christmassy - depending on the level of holiday excitement your kids are in the mood for...

History:

Check off "history" off of your list for the day while you learn about the history of Christmas lights, caroling, the history of St. Nicolas, and more!

[Dave Stotts's Christmas history playlist](#) is available for free on YouTube! His antics and dad jokes are guaranteed to bring a smile to kids of all ages.



Math:



Keep your kids interested in math with this amazing list of festive ideas - all the way from kindergarten to 5th grade!

And, they are all free!

[You've Got This Math](#) has all sorts of ideas, ranging from early math like beginning counting, sorting, and finding patterns all the way up to fractions, multiplication, and distributive properties!

[Check out the entire list here.](#) It is sorted by grade and theme, so you are sure to find something to suit your students.

Language Arts:

The Homeschool Mom has a wonderful unit study on Christmas Around the World that would be great for language arts!

There are writing prompts, short answer questions, information about traditions around the world, and more!

[Check it out and download for free here.](#)



Science:



Of course, we need science to finish our list!

[Bins for Little Hands](#) has gathered the top 10 science experiments for kids that are all holiday-themed.

Make fizzing Christmas trees, grow crystal candy canes, invent fluffy Christmas candy slime, and learn about chemistry with gingerbread men!

This blog also has a [25 Days of STEM Activities](#) countdown for Christmas, complete with printables and all sorts of fun activities for different ages.

🎁 Also, scroll down a bit to find our educational Christmas gift lists especially created for elementary, middle school, and high schoolers! All the ideas have been tested by my own kids, and I can vouch for them personally. All because it's a gift doesn't mean it can't also teach something, right?

I hope these ideas help you create an environment of joy in your home and in your homeschool overall.

Thank you for reading,

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In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

[-Luke 2:9-14](#)

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Has your student ever asked, "Mom, can I please do more math?"

Kat Jakubiak from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, never thought she would ever hear those words coming from her third-grade boy.

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Ideas About Advent for Families



From unit studies to educational books and activities, weave advent into academics with Christmas homeschool lessons.

Advent is a time when Christians look forward to the coming of Jesus: first His birth and ultimately His second coming.

The Advent season is the first season in the Christian church year, and it encompasses Christmas as well as the four preceding Sundays.

Celebrate the season with these resources and ideas for your family!

5 Tips for Less Stressful Holidays



Sometimes when guests grace our doorways around Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we also find ourselves receiving unwanted holiday visitors like stress, exhaustion, and disorganization.

With the shopping, gift-wrapping, decorating, extra cooking, family obligations, and special holiday events, it can be hard to keep a healthy balance.

Check out these five tips to help keep stress away as Christmas gets closer.

Stress-Proof the Holidays





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