



## FAMILY PLANNING NIGHT!

Set a time, gather the family and discuss how you can impact the people in your community and teach your little ones it is truly better to give than to receive. Think of the memories you will make together!

### QUESTIONS:

Why is important that we try to “light up others with kindness” during the month of December?  
(Act 20:35, Ephesians 4:32)

Who are the people in our lives that need some extra help or encouragement right now?

Who are the people we DO NOT KNOW in our community that we would enjoy encouraging?

Which of the ideas (read all aloud) get each of you excited and do we want to try?

How many should we do? What’s our game plan?

- Use countdown approach—1 every day until Christmas Day?
- Advent Calendar? Pin on a board in fun way?
- Pick one out of a jar as you remember or think of it?
- Let God (with mom’s help) prompt the schedule, carry a grab bag and go with flow?
- Pick X number and commit to those as a family?

Based on decision above, what are the supplies you will need? (Circle or make notes).

- Candy canes, candy, candy bags or baked goods?
- Handmade notes or print off LilLightOMine.com?  
Cardstock to print notes/tags and the list of ideas or use computer paper?
- Ribbon or tape?
- How to display your list—cut in jar, just put list in fridge, etc?
- Change or extra money to have on hand, other supplies needed for specific tasks

Based on the above, what is our budget?

- Suggest that the family prays on this and see how God might show up with the funds on this initiative. Start small with what you have and keep praying.
- If money is tight, consider giving up a daily drink in a drive-thru or shopping for clothes or other luxury that could wait a month (see Blog Post for other ideas.)
- Remember, all “ideas” on the list can be tweaked to cost little to no money—it’s the thought, the note, the gesture that will light up the heart of your neighbor. Not how much you spent.