



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 TO ASK

Why is important that we try to “light up others with kindness” during the month of December? (Consider Act 20:35 and 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 get each of you excited and do we want to try? Read them all aloud and see.

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

- A countdown approach. Perhaps do one every day until Christmas Day?
- An Advent Calendar. Insert one idea in each pocket or drawer of your Advent Calendar.
- Choose one out of a jar as you remember or think of it?
- Wait and see what opportunities arise? Carry a grab bag and go with the flow?
- Choose X number and commit to those as a family?

Based on the decisions your family makes above, what supplies you will need? (Circle or make notes.)

- Candy canes, candy, goodie bags or baked goods?
- Handmade notes and cards? (Or print gift tags from CourtneyDeFeo.com!)
- Cardstock to print gift tags?
- A way to display your list? Cut out your family’s favorite ideas or write favorite 25 on scrapbook to insert and store in a jar or Advent Calendar. Or simply post the list on the fridge!
- Loose change or extra money to have on hand?
- Other miscellaneous supplies needed for specific tasks?

Now that we know what we want to do, what is our budget?

- Many of these ideas can be done for free to the extreme if your heart is led (surprising a family in need with a very special Christmas). I would encourage each family to get creative on how to save costs this Christmas season to fund these efforts. Just giving up one Peppermint Latte a week can make a difference.
- Remember, every idea on the list is exactly that: an idea. Each and everyone can be tweaked to cost little or no money! It’s the thought, the note, the gesture that will light up the heart of your neighbor. Not how much you spent.

