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## Holiday Family Traditions

The holidays are a time to revel in the gratitude and love we feel for one another. Here are 14 meaningful ways to celebrate your togetherness this season.

1. Go for a family nature walk near your home to collect seasonal items that you can use in your holiday décor. If you live near a forest, the obvious choices are pine boughs and pine cones, but long dried grasses can look just as festive when tied with a holiday bow. You might be pleasantly surprised at the decorations that kids come up with, too.
2. Make a few handmade holiday cards this year as a family.
3. Make appreciation cards. In your holiday greeting cards, replace the annual Christmas letter with a brief letter of appreciation for the recipient.
4. Create or purchase new ornaments each year for the tree. Create or shop for an ornament that reflects a defining event or sentiment for the year.
5. Enjoy a Family Night with special holiday crafts or games. Oriental trading.com has some fun and inexpensive items that you can keep among your holiday decorations.
6. Start a Christmas-themed puzzle somewhere in your home. A puzzle table, placed in a quiet room, is great for holiday visitors. Whenever your guests want to get away from the action, they can retreat to work on the puzzle. This can be a great stress-reliever, and it's wonderful for those guests who always have to be busy doing something!
7. Play special music. What is everyone's favorite holiday CD? Allow each family member to choose and keep them in the CD changer so everyone's musical taste is represented.
8. Take a photo of your children standing in a particular spot each year - in front of the tree, by the front door...anyplace that will be consistent from year to year. Make a special holiday ornament or scrapbook album that depicts the growth and change of your family each year.
9. Research the holiday traditions of your nationality. Adopt a few of these traditions into your annual celebration each year to celebrate your heritage.
10. Ask each child to write a Dear Santa letter. (Small children can draw pictures.) Keep a special record of these letters in an album or treasure box.
11. Create an evening tradition of taking a family walk or drive in your neighborhood to view the holiday lights.
12. Cut snowflakes from wrapping paper, festive holiday advertisements, or last year's holiday cards, and string them together into a festive garland.
13. Adopt a special cause each year. The Heifer Project (<http://www.heifer.org/>) is wonderfully suited for holiday traditions. This charity allows you to purchase a gift animal for a family in need (ranging from heifers to rabbits and everything in between.) These gift animals then provide resources that these families need live. When we purchase a Heifer Project gift for someone, the kids draw a picture of the gifted animal, and we frame their artwork and wrap it.
14. Take your family to a performance of The Nutcracker. Performances of this ballet abound this time of year - from professional companies to amateur dance studios. Purchase a CD to bring the memories home.



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# TV & Movie Christmas Trivia

1. In the 1964 classic Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer, what was the name of the elf that wanted to be a dentist?
2. What was Rudolph's father's name? (Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer)
3. What was the name of the coach of the Reindeer Games? (Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer)
4. What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in Frosty the Snowman?
5. What was the little girl in Frosty the Snowman's name?
6. In Frosty the Snowman, what was the name of the magician with the "Magic Hat"?
7. What was "the most likely" reason that the Grinch hated Christmas? (How the Grinch Stole Christmas)
8. Who narrated the original 1966 TV show "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"?
9. What was Dr. Seuss' real name?
10. In the Christmas Classic, "It's A Wonderful Life", what happened every time a bell rang?
11. What did Ralphie want for Christmas in the movie "A Christmas Story"
12. What is Clark Griswold's middle initial? (National Lampoons Christmas Vacation)
13. How many imported Italian twinkle lights does Clark use on the house? (National Lampoons Christmas Vacation)
14. What did Clark receive as his Christmas bonus? (National Lampoons Christmas Vacation)
15. What were the Griswold's snooty neighbors' first names? (National Lampoons Christmas Vacation)
16. On Kris Kringle's job card how old does it say he is? (Miracle on 34th Street)
17. What department store did Kris work for? (Miracle on 34th Street)
18. Why did Kris Kringle replace the Santa Claus in the parade? (Miracle on 34th Street)
19. What is left in the house that makes them think he might be Santa Claus? (Miracle on 34th Street)

Please see answers at the bottom of this page.



## Write to Santa!

**Santa Claus  
North Pole  
HOH OHO  
Canada**

You can also email Santa – just go to [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca) for the link.

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| 14. A one year membership to the Jelly of the Month Club | 8. Boris Karloff   | 1. Hermie                            |
| 15. Todd & Margo   | 9. Theodor Geisel  | 2. Donner                            |
| 16. As old as my tongue and slightly older than my teeth | 10. An angel got his wings   | 3. Comet                             |
| 17. Mags   | 11. An Official Red Ryder Carbon Action 200 Shot range model Air Rifle | 4. Hocus Focuss                      |
| 18. Santa was drunk                                      | 12. W  | 5. Karen                             |
| 19. A cane   | 13. 25,000   | 6. Professor Hinkle                  |
|  |  | 7. His heart was too sizes too small |

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# An Enlightened Way to Live

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and well be more content when they are. After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of the state. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together, when we get a nicer car, are able to go on a nice vacation, when we retire.

The truth is, there's no better tie to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. Its best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.

Alfred Souza said: "For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin – real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business to be served, or a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life."

This perspective helps to see that there is no way to happiness.

Happiness is the way. So treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. And remember that time waits for no one. So, stop waiting until your finished school, until you go back to school, until you lose 10 pounds, until you gain 10 pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until your off welfare, until the first or the fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die, until you are born again , to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy.

Happiness is a journey not a destination. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. "And Dance Like No One Is Watching".

*(Author Unknown)*

## Aunt Anna's Shortbread

4 cups of all purpose flour  
7 large tablespoons of icing sugar  
1 Pound of soft butter

Mix flour, icing sugar & butter by hand. Once combined rollout cookie dough on a flour board. Use your favorite cookie cutter shapes.

Line cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Bake 8-10 minutes @ 350 degrees on the middle rack.

My Aunt Anna is 90 years old and my family has been using her recipe to make Christmas cookies for over 50 years.



## Peanut Butter with Rosebud Chocolate Top - Flourless Cookies!!

1 cup of peanut butter  
1 cup of brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 box of rosebud chocolates

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, Mix peanut butter, brown sugar & egg, roll dough into small balls onto cookie sheet, press a rosebud chocolate on top and press down lightly.

Bake for 10-12 mins.

Enjoy!

## Christmas Colouring Contest

*Age Groups 2 - 4, 5 - 7 and 7 - 12.*

*You could win a \$25 gift certificate for ToysRUs!*

*Submit by December 19th*

*Download your copy of the colouring contest at*

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## HOMES FOR SALE



### Enclave of Executive Homes...

Luxurious, estate home in Prestigious St. Andrews On The Hill. Gorg gourmet Eat-in kit w/custom cabinetry, gran cntrs, b/i gourmet stainless steel appls, 6 burner stove top & dbl oven. Spac prcpl rms, 3 f/p's. Prof fin w/o bsmt w/terrific rec & games rm. Too much to list!! Shows like A Dream!!

**\$869,000**

ID#4901



### Great Location! Approx 6 Acres...

Well main 5 bdrm home nestled on a gorgeous lot w/mature trees! Spac prcpl rms. Eat-in kit w/ceramics & w/o balcony. 2 wood f/p's, Mbr w/2pc ens, w/i closet & w/o to balcony. Bsmt w/rec rm, kit & wine cellar! Mostly updated wdws. New Shingles '07. Easy access to Hwys 9 & 400. Close to Cardinal Golf & Country Club!

**\$690,000**

ID#4741



### Prestigious Court Location...

Showstopper! 3+1 bdrm Stone & Brick Bung located btwn Beacon Hall & Magna Centre. Gorg gour kit w/granite cntrs, cntr isl w/brkfst bar & b/i table, stove top range, b/i dbl oven & 3 way f/p opens to f/r. 9 ft cng's, hdwd flgr. Fin bsmt w/add bdrm, rec rm, den & wine cellar. Stunning Inside & Out!!

**\$574,900**

ID#4941



### Sought-After Executive Neighbourhood

Grand Cypress Model in Ballantrae Golf & Country Club! 9'clgs on mn flr, Eat-in kit w/w41" upper cbntry w/crwn mldg, lrg maple pantry, cntr ilsnd & b/i appls. Mbr w/w4pc ens. & w/i closet, f/r w/gas f/p & w/o covered porch. Premium Lot. Fabulous Layout.

**\$479,900**

ID#4871



### Love At First Sight...

Stunning! Newly custom reno'd bung w/addition sit on beaut prem pie lot! Gorg kit w/granite cntr tops & maple cabinetry, cntr isl, pantry + ceramic bksplsh/flgr. l/r w/bay wdws & hdwd flgr. d/r w/hdwd flgr & w/o to lrg w/a deck. Part fin bsmt apt (not retrofit). Too much to list!

**\$429,900**

ID#5001



### WOW...Simply Gorgeous...

Impeccable home in Glenway Estates. Ren'd eat-in kit '08 w/gorg granite cntrs & bksplsh + w/o to lrg deck. F/r w/wood f/p w/glass doors. Mbr w/4pc ens & w/i closet. Unspoiled bsmt. Private, fully fenced Prem Lot! Tons of updates. No Disappointments!!

**\$429,900**

ID#5021



### Stunning Century Home...

Completely reno'd & refurb to its former glory. All wiring & plumb upstd. Gorg grmt kit boasts lux Brazilian granite cntrs/bkfst bar & hdwd flgr. l/r w/cozy woodburning f/p & b/i bookshelves. Det dbl garage. A real treasure in the heart of town, you don't want to miss out on this one!!

**\$399,900**

ID#5041



### Fabulous Bungalow...

Location, Location, Location!! 3 bdrm brick bung in desirable neighbourhood close to schools, parks, hwys, shopping & restaurants! Formal l/r & d/r feature gleaming strip hdwd flgr & crown moulding. Eat-in kit w/ceramic bksplsh & linoleum flgr. Shows Immaculate!

**\$325,000**

ID#4951



### Gem in High Demand Area...

Fab all brick freehold townhome! Spac Layout!! Eat-in kit offers b/i dv, ceramics & w/o to balcony. Comb l/d rm w/lam flgr & pot lighting. Mbr features w/i closet + 4pc ens w/sep shower & whirlpool tub. Unspoiled w/o bsmt. Close to schools, shopping & hwy.

**\$318,900**

ID#5011



### Amazing Investment Potential...

Perfect for 2 families or investment purposes!! Mature family neighbourhood close to schools. Fin w/o bsmt w/1 bdrm apt (not retrofit) w/LR, kit & 4pc. Spac rms t/out, new furnace '06. Easy access to hwy. Nice shed w/electricity - Great for a workshop!

**\$289,900**

ID#4041



### Affordable Family Home...

Exc 3 bdrm with w/o bsmt apt in desirable family neighbourhood. Close to schools, parks & downtown shops + easy access to hwy. Spacious eat-in kit. Mbr offers w/o to lrg deck '07. All upgraded wdws. Pool sized lot. Tremendous Opportunity Here!!

**\$279,900**

ID#5031



### Great Starter.

Lovely semi in family neighbourhood, fabulous location! Walk to shops, restaurants, parks & schools. Hdwd flrd T/out!! Eat-in kitchen with b/i d/w, ceramic bksplsh & laminate flgr. Mbr w/dbl closet. Part fin bsmt w/spacious rec room & wkshop. Close to buses & hwys for commuting!

**\$219,000**

ID#4981



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