



2017

#LIGHTtheWORLD Calendar and Ideas

Merry Christmas



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Use this calendar to record what you and your family do each day to #LIGHTtheWORLD, or to plan what you are going to do! We have also given you 100+ ideas to help you come up with ideas for each day.

We hope this helps you have a wonderful and meaningful Christmas!

Love- All of us at The Red Headed Hostess



December

2017

#Light THE World

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

IN 25 WAYS, OVER 25 DAYS

Each Christmas, we celebrate the life of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. By following His teachings, we let His light shine—in our lives and in the lives of others. This Christmas season, use this calendar for inspiration as you plan activities to help #LightTheWorld by serving those in need.

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Christmas Day
Matthew 5:16
"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."



100+ Ideas to #Light the World

Friday

1 Matthew 10:8

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

- Donate food to the local food bank.
- Contact a widow nearby and ask what you can do to help her.
- Give some Christmas cash or gift cards to your Bishop and ask him to give them to a family in need.
- What is a talent you have that can help someone you know? For example, if you can play the piano, go to your grandparents' home and play for them.

For children:

- Go through your toys and pick out several that can be donated to a local refugee center or goodwill.

Saturday

2 Matthew 25:35

"I was thirsty and ye gave me drink."

- Identify a need of someone in your family or neighborhood. Do what you can to satisfy their need.
- Invite some lonely neighbors over for hot chocolate.
- Send an uplifting and complimentary note, text, or call someone on the phone, who needs to be lifted and reminded of their worth.
- Send several texts expressing why you love those individuals.

For children:

- Write a letter to a family member expressing ten reasons you love that person.

Sunday

3 Matthew 12:12

"Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days."

- Pray to recognize those in need of a friend at church today.
- Visit someone you know who is lonely or ill.
- Leave treats on someone's doorstep with a kind note.
- Go the extra mile in your church calling.
- Invite a family to your home to watch the First Presidency Christmas Devotional.
- Carol to the widows or to a family in need.

For children:

- Do acts of kindness throughout the day for others in your home. Cut out stars and leave a star with your name on it at each spot where you did the act of kindness. For example, if you make someone's bed, leave a star on their bed.

Monday

4 Matthew 22:39

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

- Do an act of service for a neighbor. Shovel the snow from their driveway, take them some homemade bread, offer to watch their child, take in their trash cans, etc.
- As a family, pick someone in your neighborhood that you admire. Together, write them a note that expresses what you admire in them and send it in the mail.

For children:

- "Neighbors" are not just people in your neighborhood, but all people. Even those you go to school with are your "neighbors", even if it is someone you do not know well or know at all. Before school make some goals of what you can do to help others feel loved today.

Tuesday

5 Matthew 15:4

"Honour thy father and thy mother."

- Write a note to your parents expressing gratitude, love, and special memories.
- Write down something you know your mother or father would like you to do today and do it.
- Make a list of three questions you would like to know about your parents. Ask them.

For children:

- Practice being quickly obedient today.
- Look for opportunities to help your parents without being asked.
- Older kids: post on social media about your parents and why you love and admire them.

Wednesday

6 Matthew 7:1

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."

- Have a family prayer and challenge that today you will see others as God sees them. Do your best to treat others as children of God with a divine potential. Send reminders to one another throughout the day and report about your experience that night.
- Reach out to someone you normally might not reach out to.
- Identify individuals in your life that you may have judged. Pray for them by name and seek to have charity for them.

For children:

- Think of someone who others judge negatively at school. Talk about that person's divine potential and reach that person in a meaningful way today.

Thursday

7 Mark 10:14

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

- Spend some quality time today with your children or children in your family.
- Have a story hour where you read several Christmas books.
- Bake a treat together.
- Make a Christmas craft.
- Go on a drive to look at Christmas lights and stop to get hot chocolate together.

For children:

- Write a "bucket list" of things you would like to do this Christmas. Pick out a reasonable amount and make an official bucket list with your parents.

Friday

8 Matthew 5:44

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you."

- Reach out to someone you have had a disagreement with in the past. Seek to make amends.
- Take cookies or another treat to a neighbor you have had a run-in with.

For children:

- Tell your parents about someone at school, another person you might consider an enemy, or someone you do not like. Discuss this scripture and make a list of things you could do to show love to this person.

Saturday

9 Matthew 25:36

"I was sick and ye visited me."

- Visit someone who is ill.
- Make a care package for someone who is in the hospital.
- Donate towards someone's medical expenses.
- Christmas carol to someone's home who is suffering in some way.

For children:

- Make a Christmas decoration and take it or mail it to someone who is suffering.

Sunday

10 John 5:39

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

- Spend some meaningful time having personal scripture study today. Write down what you learn.
- Pick a topic and study about it. Write down what you learn.

For children:

- Talk about your favorite scripture stories with your family. Draw a picture of what you learned.
- Read the story of Christ's birth.
- Participate in family scripture reading.

Monday

11 Matthew 25:35

"I was a stranger and ye took me in."

- Invite someone to dinner.
- Invite someone to your church Christmas party.
- Have a Christmas-centered Family Home Evening and invite an individual or a family to join you.

For children:

- Look for someone who is lonely during lunch at school and invite them to sit with you.
- Introduce yourself to someone you do not know.
- Take a Christmas treat to a neighbor you do not know.

Tuesday

12 Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are they that mourn."

- Reach out to someone who is going through a difficult time. Seek to understand what they are going through.
- Make an appointment to serve in the local refugee or homeless shelter.
- As a family, bake a treat and take it to a family who is going through a difficult time.

For children:

- Identify a friend who is going through something difficult at home. Pray about a way you could help them and follow through with any inspiration you receive.

Wednesday

13 Matthew 7:12

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

- Spend the day making a special effort to treat others like you want to be treated.
- Invite the local missionaries for dinner, or make them a gift basket and deliver it to them.
- Shovel a neighbor's sidewalk.
- As a family, sit in a circle and take turns expressing things you love about one another.

For children:

- Help your siblings with their chores or homework.

Thursday

14 Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- Make a special effort to spend time with the people that you treasure most. Remove all distractions so you can be completely focused on these people.
- Go to the temple.
- Have a special Christmas-themed family dinner.

For children:

- Put away all tablets and phones to spend quality time with your family.

Friday

15 Matthew 5:7

"Blessed are the merciful."

- Do something meaningful today for someone that they cannot do for themselves.
- Think of someone in your ward who could really use a friend. Reach out to them.
- Choose not to be offended today.

For children:

- Think of someone who has hurt you. Forgive them.

Saturday

16 Matthew 25:36

"[I was] naked and ye clothed me."

- Donate clothes to Goodwill or a local refugee center.
- Identify a physical need that someone you know has. Seek to fill that physical need, or to help them fill the need themselves.
- Find a local Sub for Santa and go shopping for clothing for one of the recipients.

For children:

- Go through your old clothes and donate them to Goodwill.

Sunday

17 3 Nephi 18:22

"Ye shall meet together oft."

- Attend church and seek to fellowship others there.
- Invite family or friends over for dinner.
- Gather your family and talk about how their week went. Have everyone share something "exciting," something "hard," something "interesting", and how they saw the hand of God in their life that week.

For children:

- Help your family be on time to church. At church, reach out and make sure everyone feels included.

Monday

18 Matthew 6:14

"Forgive men their trespasses."

- Identify someone who has hurt or offended you. Forgive them. Pray for help if needed.
- Ask forgiveness from someone which you hurt.
- Choose not to take offense today.

For children:

- Identify a friend who has hurt you in some way. Forgive them. Pray for help if needed.

Tuesday

19 Matthew 5:12

"Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad."

- Have everyone in your family gather three things that make them feel true happiness. Bring all your belongings together and share.
- Share your joyful testimony on social media.
- Express your testimony to your children.

For children:

- Write in your journal the things you are most happy about and about what brings you happiness.

Wednesday

20 Luke 12:15

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

- Gather as a family and discuss the things and people in your lives that bring your life abundance.
- Find several items in your home that you do not need and donate them to those in need.
- Use some of your Christmas budget to buy presents for a family that is in need.

For children:

- Make a Christmas list that has (instead of a list of presents you hope to receive) a list of things and people in your life you are grateful for. Put that list in your family nativity as an expression of gratitude for the Savior and what He has done for you and your family.

Thursday

21 Matthew 25:35

"For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat."

- Take dinner to a family who could use it. It could be a family in need or a family who is busy serving others and is deserving of being served in return.
- Seek out someone who might be lonely during the holidays. Invite them to dinner or other Christmas gathering, or reach out to them in another meaningful way.

For children:

- Do a job around the house to earn money to donate to a food drive or to fast offerings.

Friday

22 3 Nephi 27:21

"That which ye have seen me do even that shall ye do."

- Focus on one Christlike quality you want to improve upon and make a special effort to exemplify that quality today.

For children:

- Gather your family around your nativity and discuss this scripture with them. Invite each person to give Christ a present this Christmas by doing something He would do if He were here. Have them decide what they will do, write it down, and put it in the nativity.

Saturday

23 Matthew 25:36

"I was in prison and ye came unto me."

- Go Christmas caroling to someone who is suffering in some way.
- Reach out to a family member and seek to boost them and make them feel loved and appreciated.
- Find out a fear or concern your child has and seek to give them hope and peace.

For children:

- Call people who will be sad not to see you this Christmas. Wish them a Merry Christmas and help them feel loved.

Sunday

24 3 Nephi 18:15

"Ye must watch and pray always."

- Have a special family prayer together expressing your love for Jesus Christ.
- If you are gathering with family today, pray that you may be filled with love for each person and inspired to know how to help them feel loved.

For children:

- Discuss the true meaning of Christmas with your family and say a prayer thanking Heavenly Father for the birth of Christ.

Monday

25 Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."

- Bear your testimony today to your family.
- Share your testimony of Jesus Christ on social media.
- Send a text and wish Merry Christmas to those you serve in your church calling.
- Leave a Christmas letter on each child's pillow expressing what you love about them and share your testimony with them.

For children:

- Make a sign that says, "I kept Christ in Christmas this year by _____." Take a picture of yourself holding the sign and text it to some people you love.