

# Holiday Ministry Ideas

Christmas is a great time to bless others with some seasonal good will. Here are some basic ideas for ministry which might help “jump start” your own holiday thinking:

- Invite your ONE BY ONE family to some of your church’s Christmas programs, especially music related events. These kinds of events are sometimes held in the evening and can be less threatening than a regular church service. Your ONE BY ONE family might really enjoy your church’s Christmas Eve service.
- Does your church’s preschool/children’s area offer special events for the holidays such as Saturday morning holiday parties or Friday evening Parents’ Night Out? Check with your church’s leadership to find out if your ONE BY ONE family could be included. Again, these might be less intimidating than a regular church service. If there is a charge for the event, see if your Sunday School class or other group would help you with the cost. You might want to meet the family at the church and sit with them.
- Remember the entire ONE BY ONE family with small gifts for everyone who lives in the house. Perhaps your Sunday School class or one of the missions organizations in your church would help you with this. What about taking a small nativity set to the family at your December home visit? Contemporary versions of the Bible might be a nice gift for each family member.
- If you know that the ONE BY ONE family has special needs for some help with Christmas, get their permission to include their names on your church’s benevolence list. Please be careful with this and do not overwhelm the family with financial and gift help. Ask them about their desire for this help first. We encourage you to only consider gifts such as turkeys, food items, gifts for the children or grocery store gift certificates over cash gifts.
- Mentors, remember your Prayer Partner with a note and/or a small, inexpensive thank you gift. A plate of cookies might be a very welcome seasonal gift.
- Remember to minister to your own family. Treat them to a planned “home visit.” Plan an evening of stay-at-home fun with a Christmas themed movie or a family games night. In all we do for other people, we sometimes forget that our own families might like some time at home with just us.
- Minister to yourself by cutting back on your activities and spending some quiet time with the Lord. Remember that you are His child and He wants to bless you with gifts only He can give you.

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