Your Advent activity cards

Choose the notes that suit your family. An adult cuts and keeps the cards. Put longer activities on days when you have time.

Choose tonight’s story

Put two books you already own on the sofa and let your child choose which you read together.

Invent a reindeer

Draw an imaginary reindeer and decide its name, favourite snack and very unhelpful superpower.

Make a paper crown

Use a strip of paper and crayons. An adult handles cutting and checks the fit; skip staples and dangling ties.

Spot three stars

Find star shapes on cards, pictures or decorations. Point rather than taking anything off the tree.

Make a thank-you picture

Choose someone who helped your family and draw a picture for them. Arrange delivery another day if needed.

Pick a family song

Take turns choosing a song you can already play, or sing one you both know.

Run a toy café

Use familiar age-suitable toys and pretend to take each other’s orders. No real food is needed.

Design a funny jumper

Draw the least sensible festive jumper you can imagine: pockets for penguins are allowed.

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Tell a three-object story

An adult chooses three familiar objects and you invent a story linking them together.

Choose a colouring page

Use one of your own pictures or a free KidsCo Christmas colouring sheet. A few crayons are enough.

Play a silly guessing game

Describe an animal without naming it. Take turns being the person who guesses.

Make a family joke card

Write or dictate a joke on paper for someone to find at breakfast. Keep it kind.

Draw a new tree decoration

Design it on paper. It does not have to become a finished craft project that evening.

Find a winter colour

Look out of a window together and notice three things in one colour. No outing is required.

Read to a toy audience

Sit favourite toys beside you and share a short book. Your child can turn pages or tell the story.

Play the family's choice

Choose one familiar game everyone can join. Agree a stopping point before starting.

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Make a paper postcard

Draw a festive scene on one side and a message on the other. Keep it or send it later.

Hold a drawing swap

Each person starts a picture, then swaps paper so the other person can add something unexpected.

Name Santa’s reindeer

Read the names together, then invent a tenth. Younger children can choose the new name.

Make a mini family quiz

Ask three questions about your household: a favourite meal, a pet’s habit or a memorable day out.

Choose tomorrow’s small plan

Offer two things you can actually do tomorrow, such as a story or a walk, and let your child choose.

Try a four-picture hunt

An adult picks four easy pictures on a book page. Find them together without racing.

Look back at a happy day

Choose one family photo already available and talk about what happened. An adult handles the device.

Write a message for tomorrow

Draw or dictate a short Christmas message for someone in the household. A scribble counts.

Plan all 24 openings

Total budget: _____ Already spent: _____ Delivery / supplies: _____

Day	Note, activity or gift	Already have?	Actual cost
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Complete total: _____ Money left: _____

Count the full price of each pack, including pieces left over. Choose products for the child's age and keep warnings. Small pieces and cut cards stay away from young children. Change a promise if the day's plan changes.