



Srock Family Holiday Traditions

Get the children together and make a gingerbread house, let them decorate it themselves. When they finish take a picture for the family album and use the house as the center piece of the table till Christmas, letting everyone pick off candies whenever....hey, it's Christmas!

Cut off the fronts of attractive Christmas cards received last year, to use instead of bows when sending Christmas presents in the mail. (Recycle).

Start a special Christmas ornament collection for each of your children (and /or grandchildren) adding a new one each year. Then give them their special ornaments when they have their own (first) tree.

Take turns opening presents on Christmas morning. When the gift is clothing, ask the person to model it (if appropriate). Take breaks while opening gifts to eat breakfast and drink coffee, let the kids play with a toy for awhile before moving on, make each gift special for each person.

Let each child or grandchild, fill a shoebox with items they would enjoy, to send to children their age and sex, on the other side of the world. Have them write a note to enclose with their picture.

Take your children or grandchildren to have their picture taken with Santa. Frame the picture and display it for the holidays.

Read "The Night Before Christmas," on the night before Christmas...