

# FAMILY DAY

*20-30 minutes*

Christmas is a season of anticipation. We make our wish lists and eagerly hope to find every item under the tree. It's that hope that makes presents so exciting. Yeah, the bows and wrapping paper are fun, but the potential to get what you hope for is the special part.

Wish lists can reveal what a person really wants in their heart. Sharing your wish lists as a family can be a fun way to learn what everyone cares about—what they hope for—and have meaningful conversations about the hope that Christ brings us all year long.

## HOW TO GET YOUR FAMILY INVOLVED:

Invite your family to create wish lists with you using the categories listed below. It'll take about 20-30 minutes, so you can do this while you're in the car or eating a meal together, or you can set aside a special time just for this activity. \*This exercise is just for fun, but you can decide as a family to add some of these categories to your Christmas gift exchange this year.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Each family member should pick one (and only one!) wish for each category below.
- Share your wishes. As you listen, try to hear the deeper hope behind each person's wish. Remember, this is for fun, so anything goes—don't judge anyone else's wishes.
- You can take turns asking each other questions like:
- Why did you put that on your list?
- What difference would it make if you got this wish?



## WISH CATEGORIES:

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| SOMETHING I WANT                      | SOMEONE I WISH I HAD<br>THE ABILITY TO HELP                       |
| SOMETHING I NEED                      |   |
| SOMETHING TO WEAR                     | SOME WAY THAT I WANT<br>TO GROW IN THE NEXT<br>YEAR               |
| SOMETHING TO READ                     |   |
| SOMETHING I WANT TO<br>DO AS A FAMILY | SOMETHING ABOUT THE<br>WORLD THAT I WISH I<br>COULD FIX OR CHANGE |

### ASK YOUR FAMILY:

Imagine you can each submit one of these wishes to God. Knowing that money is no object and nothing is impossible for God, which one would you pick and why?

Is there any wish in particular we can start praying about as a family?