

Here are some of the activities advent calendar-crafter Andrea Tomkins included in past years:

- 1) Write and mail letters to Santa
- 2) Buy a gift for a local family in need
- 3) Write and decorate our Christmas cards
- 4) Cookie baking and decorating
- 5) Wrap and deliver cookies to our neighbors
- 6) Trim the tree and decorate the house
- 7) Choose a gift from the World Vision catalogue
- 8) Christmas crafting! Make paper chains, snowflakes,  
and garlands for the tree
- 9) Go sledding
- 10) Make peanut-butter-and-birdseed covered pinecones  
for the squirrels and birds
- 11) Dress “fancy” at dinnertime [this has resulted in  
hilarious definitions of “fancy”]
- 12) Paint toenails

- 13) Host a tea party with friends
- 14) Visit Santa at the mall
- 15) Make a list of ten things you are thankful for. Hang it  
where you can see it every day.
- 16) Stay up late and watch a Christmas movie
- 17) Go ice skating
- 18) Play board games in front of the Christmas tree
- 19) Is the sky clear? Do some star gazing.
- 20) Eat dessert before dinner
- 21) Read Christmas stories
- 22) Go for a drive to see the Christmas lights downtown  
(don't forget the hot chocolate!)
- 23) Unwrap one present after dinner (mum and dad get to  
pick which one!)
- 24) Sprinkle seeds and oats on the front lawn so Santa will  
find his way.

25) It's Christmas Day! Remember you have a family who loves you, and that's the most important gift of all.