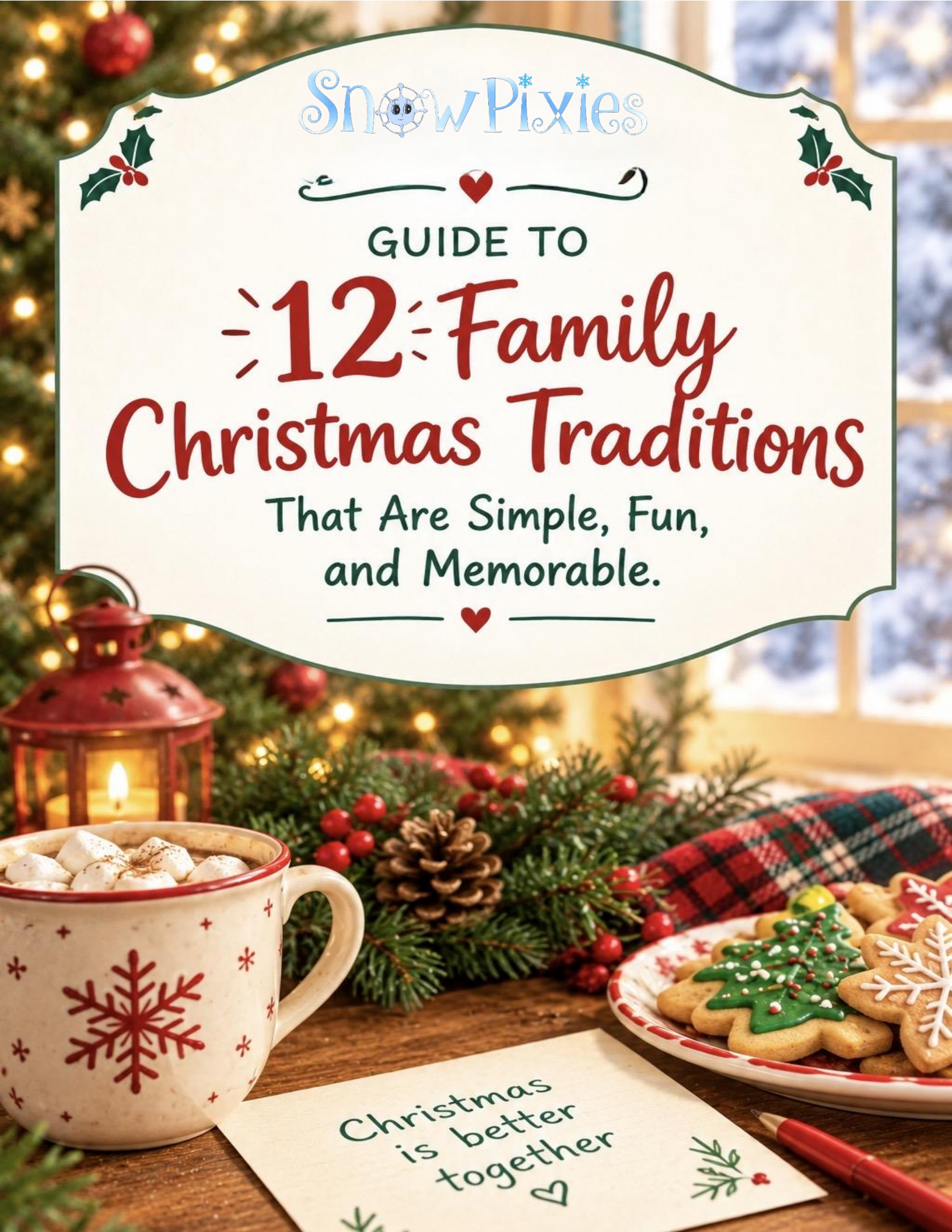




Snow Pixies



GUIDE TO

12 Family Christmas Traditions

That Are Simple, Fun,
and Memorable.



Christmas
is better
together
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More Christmas Memories. Less Stress.

Holiday traditions do more than fill the season with fun. Coming together as a family year after year to celebrate in simple, positive ways creates warm experiences that carry forward as memories of love, laughter, and shared values.

Why Traditions Matter

For children, traditions are more than enjoyable holiday moments. They help reinforce family values, create dependable routines, and build a sense of security and belonging. Family Life Educator Amy Griswold explains, *"Routines and traditions are part of healthy families. Traditions give security to young people, providing a sense of continuity that they can depend on year after year... Children remember the special experiences of family traditions more than toys and gifts."*

What Makes a Tradition Memorable?

- ❖ **Simple.** Keep it simple enough to repeat without added stress each year.
- ❖ **Positive.** Choose activities that reflect what matters most to your family.
- ❖ **Fun.** Make it fun and family oriented.
- ❖ **Consistent.** Focus on consistency rather than perfection.

12 Family Christmas Traditions that are Simple, Fun, & Memorable

So, here is the list for more Christmas memories with less stress. You do not need to do every activity, and some may already be part of your celebration. The goal is not to add pressure to an already busy season, but to choose something your family can enjoy together and return to year after year. That is how treasured traditions are born!

Idea #1: A Letter to Santa

Idea #2: Set up a Nativity Scene

Idea #3: Decorate Your Christmas Tree

Idea #4: Let's go to the Movies!

Idea #5: Gratitude Garland

Idea #6: Cookie Kindness!

Idea #7: Candy Cane Hide & Seek

Idea #8: Let it Snow!

Idea #9: Read to Me!

Idea #10: Twinkle, Twinkle

Idea #11: Christmas Eve Service

Idea #12: Treats for Santa and the Reindeer

Bonus Idea: Christmas is about Giving

Read on for detail on ways to make the season feel special and meaningful, and memorable with a little SnowPixie magic sprinkled in!

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Idea #1: A Letter to Santa

Writing a letter to Santa is a simple tradition children can enjoy year after year. For a SnowPixie twist, gather as a family and write to Santa offering to baby elf-sit, telling him why your home would be a warm, caring place for a wee baby elf during the busy weeks before Christmas.

In future years, send Santa a short letter before your SnowPixie returns so your child can share how excited your family is to welcome the baby elf back. Your SnowPixie can return each year until it is old enough to take on responsibilities at the North Pole.



Idea #2: Set up a Nativity Scene

Setting out a Bethlehem nativity scene somewhere in your home can be a meaningful Christmas tradition and an important reminder of the Reason for the Season. Invite your SnowPixie to watch as the pieces are set in place. While that is being done, ask your child to explain to the SnowPixie what each figure represents.

Nativity scenes can be quite elaborate (and expensive!). But in keeping with our desire for simplicity and involvement of your child, stores like Hobby Lobby have nativity scenes made of wood that your child can customize with paint or markers for less than \$10. [Click Here for a link to Hobby Lobby.](#)



Idea #3: Decorate Your Christmas Tree

Decorating a Christmas tree is not a task to accomplish, it is an experience that builds memories. Every ornament has a story, and every family member has a favorite. With Christmas music playing in the background, take turns picking out a favorite ornament or two and tell the story. Then place them in the perfect spot on the tree. Place your SnowPixie in a prominent spot to watch the tree get decorated and hear the family stories!

Idea #4: Let's go to the Movies!



Name your top five favorite Christmas movies. Everyone has a list, and the SnowPixies want to join the fun! Set up a schedule for Christmas movie nights with holiday favorites chosen by family members. Gather festive snacks, place your SnowPixie in its crib, dim the lights, and start the show!

Idea #5: Gratitude Garland

A Christmas Gratitude Garland can be as simple as a paper chain made from red and green strips, or you can cut out seasonal shapes such as Christmas trees, stars, snowmen, or bells clipped to twine or ribbon. Each night in the weeks before Christmas, invite every family member to name something they are grateful for, write it on the paper, add their name, and attach it to the garland. Be sure your SnowPixie is nearby to hear all the expressions of appreciation!

Idea #6: Cookie Kindness!



Who can resist the smell of fresh baked Christmas cookies? And it is even more fun decorating them! SnowPixies look forward to their Christmas Cookie Decorating class at the North Pole School of Elf Etiquette after they get back to the North Pole. You can help them prepare for their upcoming school studies by bringing your SnowPixie in the crib to watch you and your child bake and decorate Christmas cookies. They will love it!

Even better, spread some Christmas cheer and kindness by packaging some of the cookies and delivering them with your child and SnowPixie to a neighbor or family member.



Idea #7: Candy Cane Hide & Seek



Candy canes are everywhere in stores before Christmas. How about using a box to play a game of hide and seek with candy canes? Give each family member a handful to hide in different sections of your house. Then regroup and start hunting for candy canes (*but not for the ones you hid!*). Make sure someone carries the SnowPixie!

Idea #8: Let it Snow!



In the song "Snow," Bing Crosby and company ask, "*What is Christmas with no snow?*" So what happens when SnowPixies travel to homes where there is no snow? No problem! You can make a white Christmas for your home and your SnowPixie by cutting out paper snowflakes to decorate with. This nostalgic craft is fun, kid-friendly, and simple. Grab white paper and scissors, then use this tutorial by Debbie Chapman, [How to Make Paper Snowflakes](#). *Let it snow!*

Idea #9: Read to Me!



Everyone loves a good story, so take time to read Christmas books. Involving your SnowPixie is good way to encourage your child to read, or, if too young to read, have your child pick out a book and you read it to both! Be sure to include the SnowPixies books along with other favorite Christmas books. You can also read the story of the first Christmas with the birth of Jesus found in Luke 2 (verses 1-20). On Christmas morning, gather as a family to read the Bible story of the birth of Jesus and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus together!

Idea #10: Twinkle, Twinkle



Taking in Christmas light displays around your community is a fun way to enjoy the season with your child and SnowPixie. Since Christmas lights are a year-round sight at the North Pole, bringing your SnowPixie along in its crib will feel like a little reminder of home. Load up the car, bring hot chocolate or a holiday treat, play Christmas music, and enjoy the twinkle together!



Idea #11: Christmas Eve Service

Honor the Reason for the Season by attending a church service with your family. With singing, decorations, and candlelight, this is a Christmas celebration the entire family will enjoy and remember.



Idea #12: Treats for Santa and the Reindeer



Everyone loves treats, and Santa is no exception. On Christmas Eve, leave out some cookies and milk for Santa along with some carrots or candy canes for the reindeer. You can get cookies from the store, or even better, use the ones you made and decorated! Perhaps your child can decorate a special cookie for Santa.



If you have a SnowPixie, you can help the Nanny Elf easily find the wee baby elf to safely return to the North Pole, by placing your SnowPixie in its crib under the Christmas tree before going to bed. If your child wants to send a note or picture back with their SnowPixie as a reminder of the

time with your family, just put it in the crib. This will be something your SnowPixie can enjoy looking at and showing to friends back in the North Pole!

Bonus Idea: Christmas is about Giving

Choose a simple way for the family to give to someone else. Donate a toy, make a Christmas card for someone who is alone, take food (or cookies!) to a neighbor, or contribute to a charity. The idea is to discuss and decide on this as a family. Your child can teach your SnowPixie that Christmas isn't just about receiving, it's about giving and caring for others.

So that's it! Christmas doesn't have to be complicated to be memorable. Most of the Christmas memories children treasure most are the simplest ones. The goal isn't to do more this Christmas. Make more memories with the people you love.

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SnowPixies Love Christmas Traditions

As you may know, during the merry rush before Christmas, Santa needs human families to baby elf-sit little baby elves called SnowPixies and show them the special ways their host family celebrates the season.

Instead of joining your to-do list, SnowPixies join your family as a guest. Hosting a SnowPixie in your home means your traditions stay just as they are—only now with a SnowPixie cozied in its crib as your tiny North Pole guest, watching and learning how your family celebrates Christmas.



Want to learn more about the SnowPixies? [Click Here for SnowPixies FAQs.](#)

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