



Christmas Countdown

DECEMBER 1 TO 24

One small thing to do together every day until Christmas, at the same table or on a video call.
Colour in a star each day you do one.

1 ★	2 ★	3 ★	4 ★
5 ★	6 ★	7 ★	8 ★
9 ★	10 ★	11 ★	12 ★
13 ★	14 ★	15 ★	16 ★
17 ★	18 ★	19 ★	20 ★
21 ★	22 ★	23 ★	24 ★

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DAYS 1 TO 4

Every day has two ways to do it: together in the same room, or on a video call. Skip a day if life gets busy. Nobody is counting.

1 Letters to Santa

TOGETHER

Write and decorate your letters side by side. Write one yourself too.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Help with the spelling, then read out the letter you would have written at their age.

☐ We did it!

2 Paper snowflakes

TOGETHER

Fold, snip, unfold. No two come out the same.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Cut at the same time, then unfold your snowflakes together in front of the camera.

☐ We did it!

3 A Christmas from my childhood

TOGETHER

Tell them about one Christmas when you were their age. What was on the table? What did you hope for?

ON A VIDEO CALL

Same story on a call. Hold up an old photo if you have one.

☐ We did it!

4 Paper chain

TOGETHER

Make a chain with one link for every day left until Christmas.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Both make a chain, and tear off one link at every call.

☐ We did it!



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DAYS 5 TO 8

Every day has two ways to do it: together in the same room, or on a video call. Skip a day if life gets busy. Nobody is counting.

5 Carol sing-along

TOGETHER

Pick three carols and sing them loud. Wrong words are allowed.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Take turns choosing a carol. Teach them one they have never heard.

☐ We did it!

6 Hot chocolate date

TOGETHER

Make it properly, with marshmallows, and drink it slowly.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Make a mug at each end and raise them for a toast on the screen.

☐ We did it!

7 Christmas I Spy

TOGETHER

I spy something on the tree that is red and round.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Play with the decorations in your own rooms. The camera is the only window.

☐ We did it!

8 Salt dough ornaments

TOGETHER

Two cups flour, one cup salt, one cup water. Shape, bake low, paint.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Each make an ornament and post it to the other for their tree.

☐ We did it!



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DAYS 9 TO 12

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9

Twas the Night Before Christmas

TOGETHER

Read the poem together and act out the reindeer names.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Read it on the call. Pause before each rhyme and let them finish it.

☐ We did it!

10

Cards for a neighbour

TOGETHER

Make cards for someone who lives alone, and deliver them together.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Each make one card for someone near you, and show each other before you post them.

☐ We did it!

11

The story of my ornaments

TOGETHER

Tell where each special ornament on your tree came from.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Give them a tour of your tree, one story per ornament.

☐ We did it!

12

Eyes-closed reindeer

TOGETHER

Draw a reindeer with your eyes shut. Compare. Laugh.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Both draw at once, then hold your reindeer up to the camera.

☐ We did it!

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DAYS 13 TO 16

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13 Christmas film night

TOGETHER

One film, one blanket, one big bowl of popcorn.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Press play at the same moment and call each other at the best bits.

☐ We did it!

14 Gingerbread house

TOGETHER

Use crackers, icing and sweets. It does not have to stand up straight.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Build one at each end and give each other a tour.

☐ We did it!

15 Christmas lights walk

TOGETHER

Wrap up warm and find the brightest house nearby.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Each show the best-lit house on your street. Vote for the winner.

☐ We did it!

16 Wrapping practice

TOGETHER

Teach them how to fold a neat corner. Tape is allowed.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Wrapping race with something awkwardly shaped, like a spoon or a ball.

☐ We did it!



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DAYS 17 TO 20

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17

Christmas Would You Rather

TOGETHER

Would you rather ride a sleigh or fly with the reindeer?

ON A VIDEO CALL

Take turns asking. Make the questions sillier every round.

☐ We did it!

18

Our Christmas playlist

TOGETHER

Each choose three songs. One of yours from your younger days.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Play your song for them and ask them to play theirs for you.

☐ We did it!

19

A secret kindness

TOGETHER

Do one kind thing that nobody will know you did.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Each do one, then tell each other about it at the next call.

☐ We did it!

20

Christmas charades

TOGETHER

Act out a snowman, a reindeer or Santa stuck in a chimney.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Take turns acting in front of the camera. No words, only actions.

☐ We did it!



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DAYS 21 TO 24

Every day has two ways to do it: together in the same room, or on a video call. Skip a day if life gets busy. Nobody is counting.

21 The family recipe

TOGETHER

Make the dish your family always makes at Christmas, and teach them the secret step.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Cook it on the call, or send them the recipe in your handwriting.

☐ We did it!

22 A Christmas time capsule

TOGETHER

Each write down what you love about this Christmas. Seal it until next year.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Write it on the call, and ask the parents to keep theirs safe.

☐ We did it!

23 Christmas Eve Eve

TOGETHER

Set out a plate for Santa and a carrot for the reindeer, a day early for practice.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Show each other where Santa will find the cookies.

☐ We did it!

24 Christmas Eve story

TOGETHER

A story, a candle, and an early night.

ON A VIDEO CALL

Read them a Christmas story at bedtime, then follow Santa on the map together.

☐ We did it!



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