



Teen Girl Daybook

December



Week 1 Christmas Celebrations

- 1. Can you feel it? There are celebrations all around you! If you aren't feeling as jolly as you wish, just remember that CHRISTMAS JOY comes from Christ. You will only truly feel it when you are celebrating Jesus! Sing Joy to the World today! **John 15:11**
- 2. When you see lights in your neighborhood and town, let it remind you that Jesus is the ultimate Light of the World. His life overcomes the darkness! Hang some lights in your room this week! **2 Corinthians 4:6**
- 3. Some people do not want to mention or honor Jesus during this season, but you can! Once you have found the love and forgiveness of Jesus, you can't help but share it! Smile and tell someone MERRY CHRISTMAS today! **Mark 16:15**
- 4. Christmas parties offer fun and favorite foods while gathering people together to celebrate and enjoy conversations. Let your words be sweet and fulfilling as you join with friends and family! Try a new recipe this week. **Proverbs 16:24**
- 5. Do you miss someone special this Christmas? If someone you love isn't near because of circumstances or a death, the Spirit of Christmas will comfort you. When Jesus came He brought peace for those who are suffering. **Psalms 34:18**
- 6. Are you saving your money to buy something for others? If so, wonderful! Who can you bless this time of year? There is someone that is in need of your encouragement. **1 Thessalonians 5:11**
- 7. If you aren't feeling that "little kid" Christmas spirit, here is good news! The Christmas spirit can be found when you think of the glory that is coming in heaven. When you see lights in the dark, remember heaven offers joyful hope! **Isaiah 65:17**
- 8. Make a new tradition to write a list of all the ways you were able to help others this year. Then, place it in your stocking and keep it there. You will have a collection through the years of ways God worked through you! **Ephesians 2:10**
- 9. Look for a miracle this season. Even better, BE a miracle this season! Pray that God will show you something or someone that He wants to help. He will make a way for you to be a part of it all. Look to be a part of the miracle! **James 2:17**

Week 2 Giving

- 10. Be ready to share even if you don't have much! Whether it is passing a local Bell Ringer asking for donations, a church outreach, event at school, or someone in your own home, be looking for opportunities to give. **2 Corinthians 8:2**
- 11. Although receiving a gift is a blessing, giving to others is where the real fulfillment is found! Giving connects people. It can help heal a friendship that was lost or encourage someone who needs hope. Give a smile today! **Proverbs 18:16**
- 12. What if you don't feel like giving? What if you don't have anything to give? Good news! All giving comes because He gave first. Your strength will come from Jesus' ultimate gift of life to you. **1 John 4:9**
- 13. Don't feel overwhelmed without money to buy gifts. Give your time to listen to others, give a helping hand, write notes, sing a song, give a hug, make a phone call to encourage, share something you already have or draw a picture. **2 Corinthians 9:13**
- 14. Make a wish list for giving! If you could give to those you love and perhaps those that are hard to love, what would you give? Instead of making your "want list", write a "giving list"! **1 Corinthians 13:3**
- 15. One of the greatest gifts you can give a relative or friend is the gift of asking for forgiveness. Who have you hurt or bothered this year that would love to hear from you? Make things right and enjoy a priceless gift to you both! **1 John 1:9**
- 16. Jesus gives you all you need. The season of giving is because you received the GREATEST gift. Have you "opened" the package of His love? Once you do, you can start giving it away to others! **2 Corinthians 5:14**

Week 3 Greed

- 17. In the midst of focusing on giving, sometimes you may feel greedy when you get more things. But parts of God's blessings to you are His gifts! Enjoy them from others with no guilt of greed! **James 1:17**
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- 19. Do you feel content when you get more "stuff"? Things will not last but what you do to love others! Fight the temptation of being discontent. Find something to give away today! **Philippians 4:11**
- 20. It is easy to choose more for yourself because everyone is born with sinful and self-centered tendencies. But the closer you get to God the more you understand how less can be best! Write 3 things in your life you really don't need to keep then take action. **1 Timothy 6:6**
- 21. When you are given a gift, say thank you, give a hug, write a note, make a phone call etc. Even if you don't like the gift or you already have, remember it is more about their heart to give than the gift being perfect. **Colossians 2:7**
- 22. If you are content until you see what your friends receive, you may want to ask yourself if you are greedy. Even if you would enjoy what they other things, be at peace with what you have. Think of those around the world that have even less! **Philippians 4:11**
- 23. Imagine that you have everything in the world but not your friends, family, or Christ. What would you really have? Not much. No matter what you have or don't have, your relationships are the most important. **Mark 8:36**

Week 4 Expectations

- 24. What do you expect this week? Hoping? Wishing? Expect the best! Look for God at work in the big and little things with family, friends and activities. Fall asleep thinking about all that God has given you! **Psalms 4:8**
- 25. "Oh, come! Let us adore Him!" Today is His day! Sometimes our expectations are met perfectly and sometimes they are not. No matter how things turn out this week for you with gifts or family, praise God today! **Isaiah 25:1**
- 26. Think back to when Jesus was born. People were expecting a Savior to come! They were anticipating His arrival. And He came! His birth was just the beginning of it all. You can expect Jesus to always bring HOPE. Share his hope with others! **2 Thessalonians 2:15-17**
- 27. When Jesus came as the Savior, He was born in a poor, lowly family in an old stable. Why did this arrival not meet the expectations of most people? This Christmas week, serve someone with humility. **1 Peter 5:5**
- 28. This week of celebration is for Jesus, Who is also known as "Emmanuel", meaning, "God with us!" When your life revolves around Christ, you can always expect Him to be with you at school, home, work, and on trips. **Matthew 1:23**
- 29. What can you expect after Christmas? HOPE for the future! GRATITUDE for what you have. JOY for the people that love you. PEACE no matter what you face. FAITHFULNESS from God to take care of you. **2 Corinthians 3:17**
- 30. God has some expectations for you. He expects you to be a light to your friends all year long! Try not to think of yourself so much. What do others need? How can you show love after all the festivities? **Philippians 2:3**

Week 5 Looking back and Ahead

- 31. Tonight you can say farewell to all of 2017! Write down all the things you regret then tear up the paper and pray! Give all those burdens to God and move on. Learn from them and be a better person this coming year. The best is yet to come! **1 Corinthians 2:9**