Fun Winter Activities for Homeschoolers

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- 1. Build a snowman. Use a carrot for the nose, sticks for arms, rocks for eyes, and (of course) a hat. The mouth can be a rounded stick or pebbles. Don't forget a scarf.
- 2. Go to a <u>living nativity</u>. You can see people dressed up in costume, telling the story of the birth of Christ. Have some hot chocolate afterwards.
- 3. Go Christmas caroling. You can go with your own family or with a larger group. Knock on doors and sing Christmas carols cheerfully at them. Then say, "Merry Christmas," and walk to the next house.
- 4. Go on a winter nature walk. Take your <u>nature journal</u>, sit down for a while, and sketch what you see. Take it home and do a nice watercolor with it.
- 5. Drive around looking for beautiful Christmas lights. Before you go, ask people on Facebook where the good streets are in your area. You will get lots of good suggestions within minutes usually.
- 6. Find out who Saint Nicholas really was.
- 7. Make a gingerbread house. <u>Here</u> are some wacky tips that will make your house easier to make. For example, use hot glue to put it together. Then it doesn't collapse when you push on it while decorating.
- 8. Go ice skating at an outdoor rink in the evening when it is dark. The beautiful lights of the evening add enchantment to the skating.
- 9. Decorate your house with paper snowflakes, hanging them from the ceiling.
- 10. Make some fun Christmas ornaments by hot gluing odds and ends to simple red ball ornaments. <u>Here</u> are some examples of simple goofy ornaments we made. Or use white school glue for designs on the red balls and throw glitter on them. Voila!
- 11. Make a <u>snowflake funnel cake</u> by cutting folded tortillas with scissors. Throw it into hot oil until browned. Dry on a paper towel and dust with powdered sugar.
- 12. Bake Christmas cookies. My favorite are those thumb print cookies with jelly in the middle.
- 13. Go on a free horse and carriage ride. Most cities sponsor these during the Christmas season.
- 14. Take your family to see *The Nutcracker*. The music is lovely, and it will give your children an appreciation for classical music.
- 15. Build a magnificent snow cave.
- 16. Have your children make some handmade Christmas cards. If you have too many, go to a local nursing home and deliver the cards to the residents.
- 17. Go sledding down a hill with some friends.
- 18. Have your children make Christmas presents for relatives. A <u>twig frame</u> is easy to make. Just hot glue twigs to a frame until you cover the entire frame. More Christmas present ideas can be found in <u>Fun Bonding Activities for Christmastime</u>.