



Merry Christmas from Doorposts and the Forster family!

During the Christmas season, our family has many well-loved traditions that we look forward to. We'd like to share with you one of our favorite gift traditions, "Christmas Coupons." These coupons are gifts of **time spent together**.

These are gifts that encourage you and your loved ones to spend time together, and you don't even have to shop for them! All it takes is some brainstorming to decide what your children would enjoy doing together with you, and then following up on your commitments in the weeks or months after Christmas. We're enclosing six different "Christmas Coupons" and a list of ideas to get you inspired. Enjoy!

Christmas Coupon Ideas:

- Go out for breakfast together at your favorite restaurant
- Go out for ice cream, a milk shake, or some other treat together
- Go to a special tea party at a tea room, or have your own at home
- Take an outing to the park or another favorite place
- Go for a just-the-two-of-you shopping trip at a store that your child likes (a pet store, music store, fabric store, art store, mall, etc.)
- Go out for an evening together to watch a movie, hear a concert, or watch a game
- Go out for bowling, batting, miniature golf, or another favorite game together
- Give a coupon for ten times doing something special together, like reading stories, playing games, playing catch or basketball
- Work on a special project together, like drawing, painting, sewing, carpentry, or leatherwork
- Take a class together and learn to do something the child enjoys like cooking, art, singing, dancing, woodworking, etc.
- Go for walks together in the morning or evening

We love these kinds of gifts because they help us picture God's love to our children. Jesus humbled Himself and came to the earth as a child, becoming our Immanuel, "God with us". The best gifts God gives are not more things or possessions, but Himself, His love, and the promise that He is with us.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"
John 1:14





