

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring,
To you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!



25 Ways to Share Joy at Christmas

1. Christmas baking! Pull out the family recipe box of Christmas favorites. Cookies! Pies! Candies! Yum! Put together a plateful of treats to give to someone.
2. String popcorn, cranberries, dried oranges, or other bird-friendly foods. Hang them outside for your backyard wildlife visitors.
3. Read a good book with someone you love. Choose some read-aloud titles from [The Good and the Beautiful Bookshop](#). Don't forget the hot cocoa!
4. Go caroling around your neighborhood or at a nursing home or hospital. Don't forget to make a stop at your local police or fire station.
5. Serve a meal with your family at a community service center or local shelter.
6. Give the gift of warmth to someone in need. Learn to knit hats or make a fleece tie blanket.
7. Invite others to watch you reenact the Nativity as you read about Jesus's birth in Luke 2.
8. Take someone ice-skating or sledding! Do you live in a warm climate? Find an indoor rink. Roller skating is a fun alternative.
9. Help someone decorate his or her tree.
10. Color a picture or card for someone using our [FREE Christmas coloring pages](#). Include a picture of your favorite Christmas memory together.
11. Call or video chat with someone far away and sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."
12. Make a gingerbread house. Donate it to a nursing home or assisted-living community.
13. Smile at someone and say "Merry Christmas!"
14. Gather ingredients and mason jars. Make mason jar mixes (with dry ingredients for cocoa, brownies, cookies, soups, snack mixes, etc.). Tie ribbons around the jars and include the recipes. Give them as gifts to make someone else's winter season easier.

15. Shovel a neighbor's driveway or tend his or her lawn or garden.
16. Build a snowman to wave at cars passing by. No snow? Make three large paper snowflakes and tape them together to make a snowman on your front window.
17. Learn to say or read "Merry Christmas" in another language. We have listed a few ways on the next page.
18. Write a letter or email to someone far away. Men and women serving their country always love receiving letters—especially when they are away from their families during the holidays!
19. Plan and make a family meal together. Invite others to join you.
20. Make a gift to give rather than buying one.
21. Give a family member a hug.
22. Do a secret act of service or kindness for someone using any of the ideas on this list.
23. Cut out paper snowflakes. Mail them to someone who doesn't have snow where he or she lives.
24. Make homemade ornaments to give to others.
25. Hold a family sing-along around the piano, radio, or favorite album. Find some of our favorites on our [Kids Channel](#).



25 Ways to Write “Merry Christmas!”

Arabic: عيد ميلاد مسرور

Cherokee: ᎠᎵᎠᎵ ᎠᎵᎠᎵ ᎠᎵᎠᎵ

Chinese (Mandarin): 聖誕快樂

English: Merry Christmas

French: Joyeux Noël

German: Frohe Weihnachten

Greek: Καλά Χριστούγεννα

Greenlandic: Juullimi pilluarit

Hawaiian: Mele Kalikimaka

Hebrew: שמח חג המולד

Hindi: शुभ बड़ा दिनि

Hungarian: Boldog karácsonyt

Icelandic: Gleðileg jól

Irish: Nollaig Shona

Italian: Buon Natale

Japanese: メリークリスマス

Korean: 즐거운 성탄절

Latin: Felix dies Nativitatis

Navajo: Yá'át'ééh Késhmish

Norwegian: God Jul

Russian: Рождеством

Scottish Gaelic: Nollaig Chridheil

Spanish: Feliz Navidad

Swahili: Heri ya Krismasi

Thai: สุขสันต์วันคริสต์มาส