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## Happy Holidays

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### Quote of the Month

*'I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.'*

Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge, A Christmas Carol

## Monthly Topic

### The End of Another Year & The Beginning of a New Year

"As another year comes to a close, we are all reminded of the goals we set to achieve in 2006. Was it the proverbial weight loss or quit smoking promise? Or was it to spend more time with family and friends? In any case, we hope that you achieved your goals.

So, what might it be this year? Saving up for a big vacation, buying your first home, or simply finishing that book sitting on the coffee table. If we aren't careful, time passes us by, quicker and quicker. It's as if we left for work in a Honda, arrived in a Ferrari, and walked into the office five minutes late for our retirement party. *Where* did the time go?

...make sure the laundry is folded, the dishes are done, the toys are put away, the grocery shopping is done, the kids are dropped off and picked up from soccer practice, Cub Scouts, gymnastics, the mall, er---which mall? Now pay the bills, make dinner for the family, reply to last week's emails from long-since-seen friends, talk to your spouse for five minutes...tell the kids to do their homework. Oh, and do you also work a full-time job *outside* of the house? Maybe this Christmas you should ask for another hundred days for next year."

Want a few tips for slowing down to smell the roses?

1.

**Dinner** - make meals on the weekend in advance, or even better, join a make-a-meal company and they will make it for you. Check out some of the following and look for businesses in your area that do the same:

<https://secure.mygirlfriendskitchen.com/>



### Success Story

*Both of my students had to retake the 10th grade FCAT this fall. Our tutor was great and my students were confident they would pass.*

*Parent - Orlando, FL*

### Christmas Crafts

**Our Featured Christmas Crafts** - Check out our staff's favorite crafts!

**Ornament Crafts** for making different types of tree ornaments.

**Table Decorations** spice up your dining or coffee table.

**Wall or Door Decorations** for family and visitors to enjoy.

## [Christmas Craft Websites](#)

[Family Fun](#)

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2.

**Grocery shopping** - print and keep a ready made list.

Use the same brands and sizes all the time for cereal, pasta, sauces, chips, juices, etc, be sure to be exact.

**Now FAX that list to the store.** Many stores will gladly prepare your order during the day, during the week, when it is their slowest time of the day. Then you simply pick-it-up! (Call ahead to customer service to make these arrangements.)

3.

**Chores** - check out some of these web-sites for completing daunting and ever-haunting chores.

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<http://www.flylady.com/>

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<http://organizedhome.com/content-36.html>

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<http://www.clubmom.com/display/156193>

4.

**Homework** - that one is easy. Call us today.



**Photo Ornaments** for fun ornaments to make with photographs.

See our creative ways to **Wrap It Up** with our gift wrapping ideas!

**Ball Ornament Crafts** for crafts using satin or glass ornaments.

**Crafts with Food** for making your holiday fun!

**Miscellaneous Crafts** look here for more project ideas!

**Kids Domain Christmas Time** has stocked up for the season with: Send a letter to Santa, send an ecard, software and book reviews, music, print and play, and so much more!

Kids Domain's **Christmas Coloring Pages.**

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