



Christmas Meeting Ideas

Your December meeting can be used to better connect your members and celebrate this wonderful season. Here are some fun ideas for your Christmas gathering. As a reminder, you should have no DVD/live speaker for your Christmas celebration, just quality time together.

White Elephant Exchange – Everyone brings something really ugly (tacky, used, half used, worn out, etc.) but it is wrapped beautifully! Do a usual gift exchange with a couple of steals optional. Members have been known to tuck away their “treasure” only to have it appear again at next year’s BBM White elephant exchange! ;)

Ugly Sweater Contest – Ask women to wear or create their own ugly sweaters. There are some very creative ugly sweater makers out there! Have them model them in front of the room and members can vote for their favorite. You can give out silly prizes to the winners.

Christmas Paper Plate Game – You just need paper plates, pens and perhaps a few prizes for the most points. (See directions below.)

Christmas Carol Game – This is a great way for table team building. (See directions below.)

My Favorite Things Gift Exchange – This is a spin off of “Oprah’s Favorite Things”. Have everyone bring one thing that they have found this year that is their favorite thing, with little to no cost attached. It could be a favorite new recipe, a favorite new restaurant, hand cream, etc. (Set a dollar limit.)

Mix it Up for the Holidays – Mix up where your women are sitting, just for that one meeting. Have them draw a color when they come in the room and sit with a new group of gals through the mealtime. After the meal, everyone can go back to her usual table for Blessing Box time if you wish. Time to make new friends!

Special Collection – Perhaps your group could do a special collection for those in need for the holidays. For instance, ask people to bring in hats or gloves for children in need, bring in a jar of peanut butter for a food pantry, or perhaps a toy for a local charity. (Use caution in that people can be somewhat stressed financially this time of year so make sure this is something that is optional and affordable for all members.)

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Home Business Info – Some women have small businesses or hobbies of their own and would love the opportunity to just share what they do. Ask any member if they want to stand for just a moment to share what they offer (not a sales pitch, just more of an FYI). They donate a small door prize from their business, and each member gets a ticket for each meeting she has been to so far this year (5 meetings attended = 5 tickets into the drawing). It is a fun way to learn more about your members.

Cookie Exchange – Everyone brings in XX amount of cookies and you do a cookie exchange. Tell members to bring in their own containers to take their assorted goodies home. If you want to bless the childcare workers or some other volunteers, ask each member to bring in a dozen or two extra cookies (on top of those for the cookie exchange) and make up cookie trays from your group. (You could purchase inexpensive platters, cellophane wrap, and ribbon from your BBM budget.) You can ask people to bring in recipes for their cookies and copy them off for everyone as a take home as well!

Ornament Exchange – Have each member purchase/bring an ornament. (Put a limit on the dollar amount.) For a little twist on the exchange, see the game (attached below) where you will read a fun story while the members pass the ornament left or right. Very festive game for a group!

It's A Wrap – If you have a creative leader (or someone crafty in your group) you can do "Pinterest" Inspired Gift Wrapping Ideas. Find unique gift-wrapping ideas on the Pinterest site and share them with the group. Then pick an easy wrapping embellishment, purchase the supplies, and have the members make one to take home with them.

Minute to Win It Christmas Games – Back to Pinterest! Search for fun Minute to Win It games on Pinterest. Divide your women into teams and have them try the silly games. It might be great fun to be silly in this season where things can be so crazy and stressful. You can give away some useful Pinterest gifts for the winning team to take home.

Gifts for Perfect Attendance! – You can either bring handmade ornaments or purchase inexpensive ornaments at craft stores and personalize the ornaments with a paint pen. The women who have had perfect attendance up to the Christmas meeting are recognized and given a personalized ornament.

Christmas Movie Trivia – Play a short audio clip from different Christmas movies and the women have to come up with the movie title at their table. Keep score and the winning table gets a small prize!

Christmas Scattegories – Each table has to come up with a Christmas type word out of the BBM theme word for the year (Imagine, Rejoice, etc.). Awards could go to fastest time, most creative, etc.

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Christmas Paper Plate Game Instructions:

All you need are sturdy paper plates and pens for each player.

The host tells the players to put their paper plate on their head.

Then the host will give a series of instructions for the players to draw on their paper plates (that are on their heads) without looking.

Here are the instructions:

1. Draw a line for a floor. 2. Draw a Christmas tree. Add decorations if you feel so inclined.
3. Draw a star on top of your tree. 4. Draw a fireplace with a mantel next to the tree.
5. Draw a stocking hanging from the fireplace mantel. 6. Draw a present below the tree.

After the six steps have been given, let everyone look at their masterpieces.

Get ready for a serious giggle fest.

Then have players count up how many points they received by following these guidelines:

1. 2 points if the tree touches the floor. 2. 2 points if your stocking is touching your mantel.
3. 1 point if your star touches your tree. 4. 1 point if your star is above your tree. 5. 1 point for every Christmas ornament that is ON your tree. 6. 1 point if your fireplace doesn't touch the tree (it's a fire hazard). 7. 1 point if you actually drew something decorative on your stocking (or something cute, like a tiny kitten, peeking out). 8. 2 points if your present is under your tree.

The player with the most points should receive a really awesome prize!!

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Christmas Carol Game Instructions:

Objectives: Share some laughs while identifying the titles of familiar Christmas carols when they are rephrased with a little creative license (Example: Bleached Yule = White Christmas)

Instructions: Type (or cut and paste) the list of crazy carols below, and leave space for the written answers. Provide the list, something to write with, and a specific amount of time to fill in the blanks, or continue until someone gets them all. Have fun!

THE CAROLS:

1. Boulder of the Tinkling Metal Spheres
2. Coetaneous-colored Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time: 2400 hrs - Weather: Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far Off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchial Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness
12. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Chevaliers
13. Red Man En Route to Borough
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle
16. The Quadrupe with the Vermilion Proboscis
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
18. Delight for this Planet
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
20. The Dozen Festive 24-Hour Intervals

ANSWERS:

1. Jingle Bell Rock
2. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
3. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
4. O Holy Night
5. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
6. O Come, All Ye Faithful
7. Away in a Manger
8. Deck the Hall
9. Little Drummer Boy
10. We Three Kings
11. Silent Night
12. God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
13. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
14. Let it Snow
15. Go, Tell It on the Mountain
16. Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer
17. What Child is This?
18. Joy to the World
19. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
20. The Twelve Days of Christmas

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Ornament/Gift Exchange Instructions:

Someone reads the story below. Every time the word RIGHT is read, everybody passes his/her gift to the right. Every time the word LEFT is read, everybody passes his/her gift to the left. When the word ACROSS is read, pass the gift to the person across from you. The gift each person is holding when the story ends is the gift he/she keeps.

Christmas With the Right Family

Christmas was almost here and Mother RIGHT was in the kitchen finishing the Christmas baking as Sue RIGHT was ACROSS the room decorating cookies. Father RIGHT and Billy RIGHT returned from their last minute Christmas errands ACROSS town at the mall.

"There's not much LEFT to be done," said Father RIGHT as he walked ACROSS the kitchen to eat one of Sue's cookies.

"Did you leave the basket of food at the church ACROSS town with A CROSS on top?" asked Mother RIGHT.

"I LEFT it RIGHT where you told me to," said Father RIGHT.

Bill RIGHT walked ACROSS the room to get a cookie too, "I'm glad my shopping is done," he said, "I don't have any money LEFT."

"And pretty soon there won't be any cookies LEFT!" Sue said laughing.

The hall telephone rang and Sue RIGHT LEFT to answer it. She rushed back and told the family, "Aunt Tillie RIGHT LEFT a package for us RIGHT on Grandma RIGHT's porch! I'll go over there RIGHT now and get it!" she said and LEFT in a rush to go ACROSS the street to Grandma RIGHT's house.

Father RIGHT LEFT the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree and set it up ACROSS from the fireplace. By the time Sue RIGHT had returned, Mother RIGHT, Father RIGHT and Billy RIGHT were trimming the tree.

The entire RIGHT family sang Christmas carols while they decorated. Then they hung A CROSS on the top branch. They LEFT all the presents under the tree and went ACROSS the room to admire the twinkling lights.

As they drifted off to sleep that night, the RIGHT family hoped that they had selected all the RIGHT presents for their family.

Now I hope you have the RIGHT present for yourself, because that's all that is LEFT of our story!

Except to wish you a Merry Christmas... isn't that RIGHT??

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