

KEEPSAKE *Memories*

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ll Christmas traditions are magical, but keepsake traditions are just a bit more special. They act as a type of scrapbook or album of moments for us to remember and share with others.

Create memories for the years to come by starting one of these traditions this holiday season.

Create Keepsake Ornaments

Make ornaments as a family every year. You can go to most local craft stores and purchase clear glass bulbs that you can either fill (with glitter for snow) or paint the outside of. If you're feeling extra crafty, try your hand at salt dough ornaments.

Gift an Ornament

Each Christmas, gift an ornament to each of your children. Think about the year, and consider what each child has accomplished, overcome or experienced and gift an ornament that conveys a particular memory, or even the general feeling that year evoked. By the time they are grown, each child will have a full set of ornaments to take with them to start their own family tree.

Write Christmas Letters

Each year, have a member of the family, or several family members, record a bit of family history. This can be anything from highlights to challenges the



family experienced throughout the year. Place them in a special Christmas box. Make it extra special by having the kids decorate the box. Over the years, you can pull out the letters and share them.

Build Tree Skirt Memories

Purchase a plain tree skirt. Any color will do, as long as it is a solid color. Then, every year, trace your child's hand on the skirt and write their name inside

the outline. You can begin a new ring for each child or trace their hands side by side.

Present Christmas Pajamas

A wonderful Christmas tradition is gifting Christmas pajamas. These can be wrapped and put under the tree to be opened on Christmas Eve. This way, everyone can wake up Christmas morning wearing their holiday jammies.

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