

Optional craft ideas

### **Week one:** Advent calendars

Martha Stewart has some real easy ones. Here's the link:

<http://www.marthastewart.com/856465/easy-christmas-crafts/@center/1009043/christmas-quick-easy-ideas#911329>

If you like crafts where all the parts are already there, consider Oriental Trading. They have lots of easy crafts and ornaments that only require glue dots.

Also think about making an advent calendar. Here's a blog with ideas for filling the calendar

<http://mumsgrapevine.com.au/2014/11/20-ways-to-fill-your-advent-calendar-without-chocolate/>

Here's an easy advent calendar that includes some other things to put in each day.

<http://quietfish.com/notebook/2007/11/easy-diy-advent-calendar-25-small-folded-paper-envelopes/>



### **Week 2**



<http://annekata.com/2010/11/tutorial-super-simple-paper-stars/>

## Week 3

Play the dreidel game! You can purchase wooden or plastic dreidel at Hallmark or many grocery stores.

How to play:

- The letters on each side (Nune, Gimel, Shin, Hay) stand for the phrase *nes gadol hayah sham*—a great miracle happened here!
- Each player puts in the same amount of something (nuts, candy, coins, etc). Each player takes turns spinning the dreidel (going clockwise). You do whatever you land on...
- **Hay:** get half the pot
- **Gimel:** get all of the pot
- **Nune:** get nothing
- **Shin:** must put one in

At the end of a predetermined amount of turns, the one with the most, wins!

## The Dreidel Game

### Materials:

- gelt (pennies, beans or other small objects)
- dreidel



### How to Play:

- Each player puts one piece of gelt in the center or in the "pot"
- Players take turns spinning the dreidel.
- Players do what the letter on the dreidel indicates. See chart. for example, if the player lands on gimel, he takes everything from the pot.
- If the pot becomes empty, all players add one piece of gelt to the pot.
- If a player runs out of gelt, he loses.
- If a player ends up with all the gelt, she wins!



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nun  
none

do nothing

ג

gimel  
all

take everything  
from the  
middle

ה

hay  
half

take half of  
everything in  
the middle

ש

shin  
put in

put some in  
the middle

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Optional food: make and share potato latkes. Gelt purchased at the grocery store (chocolate wrapped in gold foil.)



#### Week 4

<http://snippetsandpretties.blogspot.com/2013/12/christ-trees.html>

I went ahead and copied the names so it will be easy to just copy it on your pretty paper. Use a paper cutter to get the really straight lines. You could copy the folding technique from week two to make the star for the top.

**Son** *of* **God** **Creator** *The* **Lamb** **BREAD**  
*of* **LIFE**  
**KING** *of Kings* **Light** *of the* **World** **Jehovah**  
**Lord** **of** **All** *Savior* **Jesus** **Christ**  
*Redeemer* *of the* **WORLD** **Holy** *One* **of** **Israel**  
**Wonderful** *Exemplar* **Deliverer**  
**Comforter** **Immanuel** *The* **Good** **Shepherd**  
**Christ** *Beloved* **Son** **Creator**  
**Messiah** *Prince* **Counsellor** *Son* **GOD**

These are super cute! What a great way to celebrate our Lord! Links for the fonts are also on this blog site. The blog doesn't say what the tree is attached to but it looks like some kind of wooden block. I know you all can figure that part out.

Have fun!!