



FORT BEND COUNTY FAMILY CHRISTMAS GUIDE

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DEAR FORT BEND COUNTY FAMILIES,

The holiday season is a special time for making memories and strengthening family bonds. We've created this guide to help you easily navigate the festive month of December, providing various activities, crafts, recipes, and spiritual reflections to enjoy together.

For more information on all Christmas events at Sugar Creek, visit sugarcreek.net/christmas

SUGAR CREEK EVENTS

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS

Join us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church on **December 5, 2025**, for a festive celebration under the stars. Enjoy carnival rides, games, bounce houses, and a special Christmas show. This free event will last from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Registration is free, but reserve your spot today at sugarcreek.net/christmas

SUNDAY SERVICES AT SUGAR CREEK

Join us as we walk through a Christmas series, "All I Want For Christmas", at all of our campuses. Whether you live in or around Sugar Land, Missouri City, Richmond, or Rosenberg, you have a home at Sugar Creek, and we would love to see you there!

Series Dates: December 7, 14, 21

Service Times:

Sugar Land Campus: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

Missouri City Campus: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

Richmond | Rosenberg Campus: 11:00 am

Sugar Land en Español: 12:35 pm

Richmond | Rosenberg en Español: 9:30 am

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

At Sugar Creek, we have very special candlelight services at all of our campuses. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and remember the hope His birth brings into the world.

Sugar Land Campus: December 24 | 4:00, 6:00 pm

Missouri City Campus: December 24 | 4:00, 6:00 pm

Richmond | Rosenberg Campus: December 24 | 4:00 pm

en Español: 21 de diciembre | 12:35 pm

The community events listed are not affiliated with Sugar Creek Baptist Church and are provided for informational purposes only.

We encourage you to verify event details with the respective organizers, as we do not take responsibility for the quality or any inaccuracies or changes to the events.

JINGLE TREE AT HMNS SUGAR LAND

Enjoy beautifully adorned trees and holiday décor at the Sugar Land Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS), including a special dinosaur-themed display. A perfect outing for families who love science and holiday cheer.

Happening November 14-20, 2025

For more information, [click here](#).

HOLLYDAYS MARKET OF ROSENBERG

Shop for unique gifts at this market on December 5-7, 2025, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. Over 130 vendors offer special presents while supporting local businesses. Come enjoy the fun, purchase gifts for the family, and support local vendors.

For more information, [click here](#).

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Kick off the holiday season in style with the City of Rosenberg at the Hometown Holiday Festival, presented by Discover Downtown Rosenberg!

The holiday magic kicks off on Saturday, December 6, from 12–8 p.m. in Historic Downtown Rosenberg (2100 Ave G).

For more information, [click here](#).

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

Explore beautifully decorated homes in Fort Bend neighborhoods on December 6-7, 2025. Enjoy festive entertainment, refreshments, and homemade cookies while touring homes in Sienna, Sweetwater, Venetian Estates, and Greatwood.

For more information, [click here](#).

SUGAR LAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Experience over 3.5 million lights, a dazzling 40-foot lighted tree, light shows, an ice rink, and a carnival with more than 12 rides at Constellation Field. Runs from November 21, 2025 - January 4, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m. daily.
For more information, [click here](#).

MAGICAL WINTER LIGHTS

Experience the magic of the holidays at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds! This event features over 60 stunning lantern displays, interactive attractions like the Space Maze and Dino Land, and live performances. Runs from November 21, 2025 - January 4, 2026.
For more information, [click here](#).

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AT SUGAR LAND TOWN SQUARE

Visit on Saturdays from November 29-December 20, 2025, from 1-5 p.m. to take photos with Santa before he returns to the North Pole. This free photo opportunity doesn't require any reservations!
For more information, [click here](#).

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

Gather by the tree for a festive and joyful evening as The Living Christmas Card Carolers lead a lively Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long in the heart of Sugar Land Town Square. Guests are invited to join in, enjoy classic holiday tunes, and soak in the season's cheer with friends, family, and neighbors.
For more information, [click here](#).

WEEKLY FAMILY DEVOTIONALS

In the middle of busy schedules and holiday chaos, setting aside intentional time each week helps your family slow down, reconnect, and refocus on Christ.

These moments open the door for meaningful conversations, strengthen your relationships, and build rhythms that shape your children's faith for years to come. You don't need perfect answers—your consistency and presence model what it looks like to follow Jesus daily. As you gather around God's Word together, you'll find that these small weekly practices bring peace, deepen connection, and create a foundation of faith that blesses your entire family.

WEEK 1

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Family Devotional Reading: Who Jesus Came to Be

Isaiah 9 was written during a dark period in Israel's history (around 734 B.C.) when the northern territories of Zebulun and Naphtali (the region later known as Galilee) had been invaded by the Assyrian empire. These areas, being on Israel's northern frontier, were the first to experience the humiliation of military defeat. The only tribe to survive the Assyrian attack was the southern tribe of Judah. But all of Israel found themselves in deep sorrow and despair.

"Nevertheless..." was a powerful word of hope that Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 9:1. All who heard that word learned that there was hope beyond the Assyrian occupation. In fact, Isaiah prophesied that while Galilee was the first region to experience defeat, it would also be the first region to experience renewed hope. That hope would come in the form of a child — The Messiah.

God promised the child who would bring light, a Savior who would show the world who God truly is. That child was Jesus. The names Isaiah gave Him — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace — tell us what kind of Savior He would be: wise, powerful, loving, and peace-giving. God used Isaiah's word to help Israel see past their despair and know God was setting the stage for the Savior.

But God also used these words to prepare our hearts for who Jesus is for all people, even for us today. Let's remind ourselves of who Jesus was promised to be:

- Wonderful Counselor: He listens and leads us in life to make wise choices.
- Mighty God: He's powerful and able to do more than we can imagine
- Everlasting Father: He loves us forever like a perfect father who never leaves us.
- Prince of Peace: He brings calmness and joy to our hearts, even when things are tough.

Christmas reminds us that Jesus didn't just appear in history — He is the hope that all people (every nation and every generation) need.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us who You are. Help us to remember that Jesus brings hope and peace to everyone who follows Him. Amen.

Discussion Questions for Younger Children:

1. What is your favorite name for Jesus, and why do you like it?
2. How does Jesus help us when we're sad, scared, or need help?
3. Can you think of someone you could tell about how wonderful Jesus is?

Discussion Questions for Older Children:

1. Which of Jesus' names means the most to you and why?
2. Why do you think God wanted people to know these names before Jesus was born?
3. How can we show others who Jesus came to be through how we live?

WEEK 2

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:18-25

Family Devotional Reading: God With Us

Isaiah's prophecy came centuries before Jesus' birth, in a time of fear and political turmoil for Israel. The people faced threats from neighboring nations, and the future seemed uncertain. In the middle of that worry, Isaiah declares a sign from God: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Immanuel means "God with us." This was not an empty phrase or just wishful thinking, but a promise. God would not be distant or far away—He would come down into human life to be present with His people.

Hundreds of years later, as Matthew tells the story of Jesus' birth, he makes it clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise. God chose to enter our world—not as a mighty ruler with armies, but as a baby born to a humble family. Jesus' life on earth means that God understands our joy, our pain, and our needs. We do not walk through life alone; God really is with us—in every joy, struggle, and ordinary moment.

The Christmas story is more than just an ancient event. It is an invitation to trust that God's presence is real and constant, even now. Jesus is still Immanuel, and God is with us—no matter where we go or what we face.

Prayer:

God, thank You for keeping Your promise and coming near to us through Jesus. Help us trust that You are with us, even when life is hard. Let Your presence fill our hearts with courage and hope. Amen.

Discussion Questions for Younger Children:

1. What does "Immanuel" mean, and why is it special?
2. When do you feel closest to God?
3. How can we remember that God is with us every day, not just at Christmas?

Discussion Questions for Older Children:

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus is called "Immanuel"—God with us?
2. Can you remember a time when you felt God's presence in your life?
3. How can being aware that God is with you change the way you act or treat others?

WEEK 3

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2

Family Devotional Reading: The Coming King

Hundreds of years before the first Christmas, God's people longed for a leader who would bring justice, peace, and hope. Through the prophet Micah, God promised that a ruler would come from Bethlehem, a tiny and humble town. This ruler—unlike any earthly king—would bring security and would care for His people like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Earlier this month, we read Isaiah 9 and learned that this King's reign would also be marked by endless peace and would be upheld "with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever." Jesus' birth in Bethlehem fulfilled God's promise in stunning detail. But His kingship is unlike anything the world expects: Jesus leads not with force, but with love; not by demanding power, but by offering forgiveness and inviting people into His kingdom.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the arrival of the King God promised—the one who rules in our hearts and whose reign brings true peace for all who trust Him. Following Jesus means letting Him guide every part of our lives, knowing His kingdom will never end.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for being our promised King. Help us to follow Your example, living with love and choosing what is right. May Your peace and justice reign in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

Discussion Questions for Younger Children:

1. What makes Jesus a different kind of King than kings in fairy tales?
2. How can we show Jesus that we want Him to be our King?
3. What are some ways we can show kindness like Jesus this week?

Discussion Questions for Older Children:

1. Why do you think God chose Bethlehem as the birthplace for Jesus, the King?
2. How is Jesus a different kind of King than the ones people expected?
3. What does it mean for you to let Jesus be King in your life?

WEEK 4

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:10–11; John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Family Devotional Reading: The Gift That Changes Everything

When the angels announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds, they declared it as "good news of great joy for all people." The birth of Jesus was far more than a historical event—it was the moment when Heaven touched earth. God Himself stepped into the story He had written to bring salvation and eternal hope. In Jesus, God came close not only to reveal His love, but to change every heart that would receive Him.

The baby in the manger grew into the man who healed the sick, forgave sins, and invited everyone to come into relationship with God. His birth was the beginning of a rescue mission—to restore what sin broke and to make us new. When we celebrate Christmas, we remember that Jesus didn't just come to be admired—He came so we could be transformed. Through faith in Him, we are forgiven and made new, becoming part of God's story of redemption.

As we approach Christmas Day, it's good to pause and ask: has this good news changed me? The manger reminds us that God's greatest gift was not wrapped in fancy paper but in flesh and blood. Jesus didn't come to stay in the past. He came to change hearts today.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming into our world to bring us back to God. Teach us to trust You more and let Your love change our hearts. May our lives reflect Your peace, joy, and hope as we celebrate Your birth. Amen.

Discussion Questions for Younger Children:

1. Why do we celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas?
2. How does Jesus help change our hearts to love others?
3. What is one way you can say "thank you" to God for sending Jesus?

Discussion Questions for Older Children:

1. What does it mean that Jesus came not just to be born, but to change our hearts?
2. How does knowing Jesus make your life different today?
3. What can we do this Christmas to share God's love and the good news of Jesus with others?

WEEKLY FAMILY CRAFTS

Doing weekly Christmas crafts as a family creates intentional space to slow down, work together, and make meaningful memories during a busy season. These hands-on activities naturally spark conversation, creativity, and laughter, giving parents and kids a chance to connect in ways that strengthen relationships and build trust. Crafts also help reinforce the themes of the season, offering opportunities to talk about faith, gratitude, and the true meaning of Christmas in a simple and engaging way. Even small moments spent gluing, painting, or creating something side by side can become treasured traditions that shape your family's sense of togetherness and joy.

CRAFT 1:

PAPER CHAIN



Materials needed:

- Colored construction paper or scrapbook paper (any colors you like)
- Scissors
- Glue stick, tape, or a stapler
- Ruler (optional)
- Markers, color pencils, or pens (optional)

Instructions:

1. Mark strips about 1 inch wide along the long side of the paper. You can use a ruler or fold the paper in half long-ways until you get the desired width.
2. Cut along the lines to create long paper strips and repeat until the number of strips needed is prepared.
3. Take one strip, form it into a loop, and secure the ends together with glue, tape, or a staple.
4. Slide the next strip through the loop you just made and form this strip into a loop, and secure the ends.
5. Keep going, linking each strip through the previous loop, and repeat until the chain reaches the length you want!
6. Hang it on a wall, wrap it around a tree, or use it as party décor. Let it serve as a reminder of who Jesus is and why we celebrate the arrival of our Savior through Christmas.

Note: Each person can do their own paper chain, or you can work together to create one.

Tie it to the devotional:

Before assembling the paper chain, write the names of Jesus that we learned in the devotional on the strips of paper, and spend some time talking further about each of them. You can also spend some time learning about more names of Jesus we find in Scripture and adding those to the strips of paper as well.

CRAFT 2:

SALT DOUGH ORNAMENTS



Materials needed:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Mixing bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutters
- Straw or toothpick
- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper (optional)
- String or ribbon for hanging
- Paint (optional)
- Paintbrushes (optional)
- Clear sealant (optional)

Instructions:

1. In your mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of flour and 1 cup of salt, adding 1 cup of water slowly, mixing as you go.
2. Knead the dough for 3–5 minutes until smooth.
 - a. If too sticky → add a bit more flour.
 - b. If too dry → add a teaspoon of water at a time.
3. Lightly flour your work surface and roll the dough to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness.
4. Use cookie cutters to press out ornament shapes.
5. Use a straw or toothpick to make a small hole near the top for hanging later.
6. Preheat oven to 250°F.
7. Place shapes on a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake for 2–3 hours, or until completely hard and dry. You can also air-dry for 24–48 hours instead of baking.
8. If baked, let the ornaments cool completely and then paint with acrylic or tempera paints if desired.
9. Once the paint is fully dry, seal it with clear varnish or Mod Podge for longevity.
10. Thread a ribbon or string through the hole and tie a loop for hanging.

Note: Cookie cutters aren't necessary for this craft. Use other things around the house to cut out shapes, or use any cup to press circle ornaments that can be painted with a design.

Tie it to the devotional:

Use paint to create a nativity scene, show baby Jesus lying in a manger, or simply write "Immanuel" or "God with us" on a simple circle ornament and spend some more time talking about the birth of Jesus. You can also make several of these ornaments and give them as gifts to friends or family to share the story of the birth of Jesus with them.

CRAFT 3:

PAPER SNOWFLAKES



Materials needed:

- White paper (printer paper, origami paper, tissue paper, or coffee filters all work)
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for drawing designs)
- Glitter, markers, stickers, colored paper (optional for decorating)

Instructions:

1. Start with a square piece of paper.
 - a. If you're using regular printer paper, fold one corner diagonally to the opposite edge to make a triangle. Cut off the extra rectangle at the bottom so you're left with a square.
2. Fold the square in half to create a triangle.
3. Fold the triangle in half again to make a smaller triangle.
4. Fold the triangle into thirds by bringing the right point toward the center and left point over it so the paper looks like a long arrow or wedge.
5. Trim the top (the uneven ends) straight across with scissors.
6. Draw small shapes, lines, or curves along the edges (optional).
7. Cut out triangles, curves, slits, and other shapes from all sides.
 - a. The more you cut, the more intricate your snowflake will look!
 - b. Avoid cutting all the way across the folded wedge, or it may fall apart.
8. Gently open the paper to reveal your design and smooth it flat with your hands or place it under a book for a few minutes.
9. You can decorate the snowflake with glitter, markers, or stickers, or you can also glue the snowflake on colored paper for contrast.

Note: Make several sizes for a pretty window or wall display.

Tie it to the devotional:

All snowflakes are unique with their own design, a lot like the snowflakes that were cut out. And like a snowflake, Jesus was unique and unlike any Earthly king, like we talked about in the devotional. Jesus is the only one who could fulfill the promise that God made to His people.

CRAFT 4: CHRISTMAS CARDS



Materials needed:

- Blank cardstock or construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick or double-sided tape
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Stickers, washi tape, or decorative paper (optional)
- Ribbon or twine (optional)
- Sequins, buttons, or small craft embellishments (optional)
- Envelopes (optional)

Instructions:

1. Fold a piece of cardstock in half to form your card.
2. Sketch a design with a pencil if desired. Choose if you want the outside of the card to be picture only, or if you would like to write words as well.
3. Decorate the outside of the card with markers, crayons, stickers, cut-out shapes, or other craft supplies.
4. Decorate the inside of the card with craft supplies and include a heartfelt message.
5. Optional: Decorate the envelope, or leave it plain for mailing.

Note: You can make these cards for anyone! Deliver to neighbors, friends, family, a local nursing home, grocery store workers, delivery drivers, teachers, or anyone else on your heart.

Tie it to the devotional:

Creating a Christmas card for someone unexpected can become a quiet but powerful way to share the love of Jesus. A simple handmade card can remind them that they are seen, valued, and not alone. In a season that can feel overwhelming or isolating, this small gesture becomes a gentle reflection of Christ's kindness: a reminder that God often shows up through ordinary acts of love. Sometimes the smallest gift, offered with intention, is exactly what a heart needs to feel hope again.

WEEKLY FAMILY RECIPES

Cooking and preparing these recipes together as a family creates more than just delicious food; it creates intentional moments of connection, teamwork, and conversation. Family recipes give children a chance to participate, learn, and feel valued while parents model patience, creativity, and care. Sharing these meals or treats together provides a natural rhythm for meaningful interaction, laughter, and celebration, while also reinforcing the joy and togetherness of the season.

These simple, hands-on experiences can become cherished family traditions that strengthen bonds and create lasting memories.

RECIPE 1:

RICE KRISPIES TREATS



Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 package (10 oz) mini marshmallows or 4 cups regular marshmallows
- 6 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional, but delicious)
- Pinch of salt (optional, but helps balance sweetness)
- Icing, sprinkles, melted chocolate, etc, for decorating (optional, but fun)
- Star cookie cutter (optional, but can be used to tie into the devotional)

Instructions:

1. In a large pot over low heat, melt the butter completely.
2. Stir in the marshmallows and continue stirring until smooth and fully melted.
3. Add vanilla and a pinch of salt if using.
4. Remove the pot from the stove and quickly stir in the Rice Krispies cereal until everything is evenly coated.
5. Transfer the mixture into a greased 9×13-inch pan.
6. Use a buttered spatula or wax paper to press it down gently (don't pack too hard or they'll get tough).
7. Let the treats cool for about 30 minutes, then cut into shapes and enjoy!

Note: You can cut these out with cookie cutters and then use icing, sprinkles, melted chocolate, etc, to decorate your treats for an added element of fun!

Tie it to the devotional:

As you make star-shaped Rice Krispies treats with your kids this week, use the simple activity as a reminder that Jesus came as a light shining in the darkness, like we talked about in our devotional. Just as the star over Bethlehem led people to Him, these sweet little stars can help your family remember that Jesus still brings hope, clarity, and joy into the places that feel confusing or heavy. As you bake, talk with your children about where they've seen Jesus' light in their lives, and consider sharing a few treats with someone who could use encouragement. It's a simple way to help your family see that the One who came to be our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace also invites us to shine His light to others.

RECIPE 2:

HOT COCOA BAR



Ingredients:

- Hot cocoa mix or mixes (options include chocolate, white chocolate, peppermint, etc.)
- Milk or water for hot cocoa
- Options for mix-ins:
 - Mini marshmallows
 - Whipped cream
 - Chocolate chips (milk, dark, white)
 - Caramels
 - Crushed candy canes
 - Mini M&Ms
 - Sprinkles
 - Cinnamon, nutmeg, or cocoa powder (shaker)
- Serving supplies:
 - Mugs, paper cups, or reusable holiday cups
 - Stirrers (candy canes, cinnamon sticks, spoons)
 - Napkins
 - Labels/tent cards for each topping
 - Trays or baskets to keep items organized

Instructions:

1. Set up the hot cocoa bar in a line for people to make their personalized drinks!

Note: You can pair this recipe with the week 2 craft and host a family night, or your family can host a party for friends. Pair it with a Christmas movie you love for extra family time!

Tie it to the devotional:

As your family sets up a hot cocoa bar this week with warm mugs, toppings, and all the cozy extras, use the moment to talk about what it means that Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us." Just as a warm drink brings comfort on a cold day, Jesus came near to bring comfort, presence, and peace to our hearts. Encourage your children to think about where they've felt God's nearness and warmth lately.

RECIPE 3:

COOKIE DECORATING



Ingredients:

- Cookies:
 - 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups granulated sugar
 - 1 large egg
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond extract (optional, but amazing)
 - 3 tablespoons milk (optional, but helps keep cookies soft)
 - Crown cookie cutter (optional, but can be used to tie into the devotional)
- Icing
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 2–3 teaspoons milk
 - A drop of vanilla or almond extract
 - Food coloring, if desired
 - Piping or Ziploc bags for decorating

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
3. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and baking powder.
4. In a separate large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy (about 2–3 minutes).
5. Add egg, vanilla, and almond extract. Mix well.
6. Gradually add the dry mixture to the wet mixture. Add milk if the dough seems too dry.
7. Shape cookies
 - a. For round cookies:
 - i. Scoop tablespoon-sized balls, roll in sugar, and place on the cookie sheet.
 - ii. Slightly flatten with your hand or the bottom of a glass.
 - b. For cut-out cookies:
 - i. Chill the dough for 1 hour.
 - ii. Roll out on a floured surface to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
 - iii. Cut shapes using cookie cutters.
8. Bake 8–10 minutes until edges just start to lightly brown.
9. Cool completely on a rack before decorating.

Tie it to the devotional:

As your family decorates crown-shaped cookies this week, remind your kids that these treats point to the promise in Micah 5:2, that Jesus would come as our long-awaited King. A plain cookie becomes a crown only when it's shaped, decorated, and given purpose, and in a similar way, Jesus is the One who gives shape and purpose to our lives. Let each crown be a visual reminder that we belong to Him and can celebrate His good and perfect kingship in our lives.

RECIPE 4:

REINDEER CHOW



Ingredients:

- 8 cups Chex cereal (corn, rice, or a mix)
- 2 cups mini pretzels
- 1 cup lightly roasted salted peanuts
- 1 ¼ cups chocolate chips (semi-sweet, white, dark, or a mix)
- ¾ cup creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups powdered sugar or more if needed
- 1 (12-oz) bag red and green chocolate M&M's
- 1 cup mini peanut butter cups

Instructions:

1. In a large bowl, mix both Chex cereals, pretzels, and peanuts.
2. In a separate bowl, melt chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter in a microwave-safe bowl, heating in 30-second intervals until smooth. Stir in vanilla and salt.
3. Pour the melted mixture over the dry ingredients and gently mix to coat evenly.
4. Cover in powdered sugar: Add powdered sugar to a large resealable bag, pour in the coated mix, seal, and shake until fully covered. Add additional powdered sugar if needed.
5. Spread mix on a parchment-lined baking sheet to set for 20 minutes.
6. Stir in M&M's and mini peanut butter cups. Store leftovers in an airtight container.

Note: If your family cannot have peanuts, you can use an alternate nut butter in place of peanut butter and use your candy of choice in place of the peanut butter cups.

Tie it to the devotional:

Reindeer Chow has simple ingredients: cereal, chocolate, peanut butter, and powdered sugar. Each ordinary on its own, but when mixed, they become something completely new. In the same way, 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us that when we receive Jesus, He transforms us into a new creation. As your kids shake the bag or stir the bowl, remind them that Jesus doesn't just improve us, He changes us from the inside out. And as you share the finished treat with neighbors, teachers, or friends, talk about how the good news the angels proclaimed in Luke 2 is too good to keep to ourselves. This fun, messy recipe becomes a sweet reminder that Jesus is the gift that changes everything and is a gift that's meant to be shared.

CHRISTMAS FUN DOESN'T STOP HERE!

Click the button below for more information about Christmas at Sugar Creek, a prompt on how to invite your friends and family to attend Christmas with you, special Christmas songs and devotionals from our worship team, and more about each of our campuses!

[MORE CHRISTMAS FUN!](#)

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You can pre-register yourself and your family before coming to Sugar Creek to help make your first time with us even easier! We can't wait to spend Christmas with you!

[PRE-REGISTER HERE!](#)

THANK YOU!

From our family to yours, we pray
you have a very Merry Christmas.